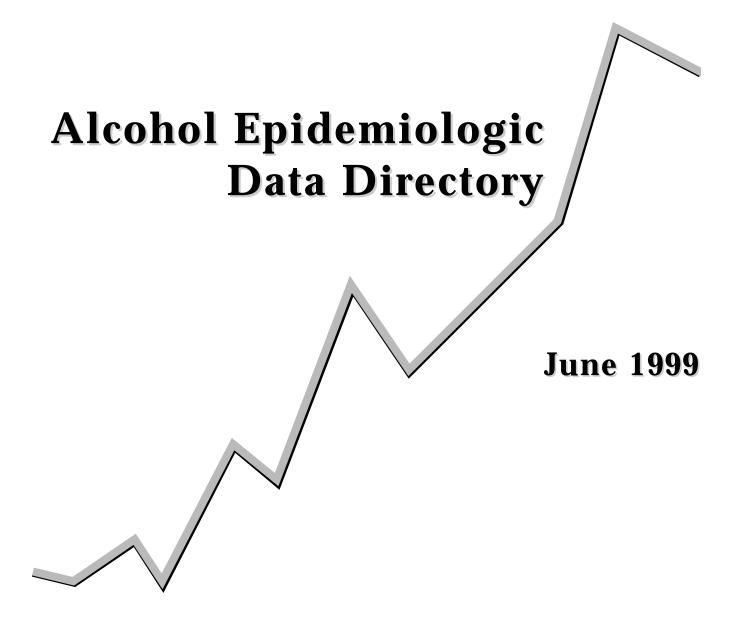
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FOREWORD

Research conducted by the Division of Biometry and Epidemiology at NIAAA seeks to further identify and explain factors contributing to alcohol use, abuse and dependence and the impact of alcohol on society in terms of death; chronic disease; and other medical, psychological, social, legal, and economic consequences. This is accomplished using data collected through epidemiologic surveillance and population-based surveys.

Data collection, analysis, and reporting are facilitated by NIAAA's Alcohol Epidemiologic Data System (AEDS). AEDS monitors trends in alcohol epidemiology through surveillance of apparent per capita alcohol consumption, cirrhosis mortality, alcohol-related morbidity among patients discharged from short-stay community hospitals, and alcohol-related fatal traffic crashes. These trends are reported in annual surveillance reports, listed in Section 3 of this report.

This *Alcohol Epidemiologic Data Directory* is a descriptive listing of these surveys and other relevant data suitable for epidemiologic research on alcohol. Some of the surveys included are designed specifically to answer alcohol-related questions; other surveys address wider issues but contain alcohol-related data.

Federal data collection activities are subject to change as new technologies become available and data needs develop. Changes are reflected in this data directory as the data are publicly released. Forthcoming changes include a redesign at the National Health Interview Survey, beginning with the 1997 data collection. NHANES is also beginning a new generation in 1998 when it will be implemented as a continuous, annual survey with links to other Federal data collections.

NIAAA sponsors other sources of alcohol-related data. ETOH, the Alcohol and Alcohol Problems Science database, contains bibliographic references and abstracts of books, journal articles, government documents and other publications. Quick Facts, an electronic bulletin board operated by AEDS, provides free access to alcohol-related data collected by NIAAA and other researchers. Information on accessing ETOH and Quick Facts is included in Section 3 of this report.

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INTRODUCTION

The Alcohol Epidemiologic Data System (AEDS) is operated by CSR, Incorporated under contract to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) as a centralized, national repository of alcohol-related data sets. Initiated in 1977, the mandate of the data system is to identify, acquire, and analyze alcohol-related epidemiologic data under the direction of NIAAA's Division of Biometry and Epidemiology. AEDS primarily collects data sets which are national in scope. In some cases, however, select specialized data sets may be acquired.

The primary mission of the Data System is to support the activities of NIAAA's Division of Biometry and Epidemiology. AEDS produces several reports based on its research activities. The Alcohol Epidemiologic Data Directory is one of these products.

The Alcohol Epidemiologic Data Directory is designed to identify raw data available for expanded epidemiologic study. It is not a comprehensive listing of all data sets available to alcoholism professionals. Many small-scale surveys, single-state surveys and local attitudinal surveys are not included. Data sets not yet available to the public will appear in annual updates of the data directory as they become available.

Data sets are described in two sections. The first section includes data sets that are representative of the overall U.S. population, with different age restrictions in sample design. The second section includes data sets that focus on special populations (e.g., adolescents, prison inmates, military personnel, and specific racial/ethnic groups). A final section describes publications and other research products available from AEDS.

Data sets listed in this directory are produced by a variety of sources. A contact is listed for each data set to assist researchers in obtaining information on data availability. Internet addresses have been added in this directory to guide the user to further information available from the data providers. Data are increasingly available in downloadable formats from internet sources. Internet addresses are provided in this directory to help the user determine data availability. Unless specified, AEDS does not distribute the data listed in this directory.

Data are provided in varying forms (e.g., internet, CD-ROM, diskette, reel tape, and 8mm tape). Data consumers are advised to inquire about specific files of data available in different formats from different providers. The raw data and documentation contained in each format may vary.

There are times when researchers' needs can be met without analysis of raw data. Data from the data sets described in this directory often are available in tabular or summary form as well. The internet is an excellent source for data because it eliminates the lag time associated with published reports. NCHS data are available through http://www.cdc.gov/nchswww. Links to CDC Wonder's data retrieval system are available by clicking on the "Data Warehouse." Wonder PC software will allow this connection without using the internet. Links to additional Federal Drug Data Sources are available through http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov. The Bureau of Justice Statistics, the Department of Transportation, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics also have web sites. AEDS products are described on page 67 of this report and may be accessed through http://www.niaaa.nih.gov.

Comments, questions, or requests for additional copies of this or other AEDS publications should be directed to:

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Section 1:

National Health and Alcohol Data Sets

Title: | Alcohol and Drug Services Study (ADSS)—1997

Sponsoring agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services.

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Office of Applied Studies

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http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/SAMHDA/other.html

Survey design/purpose: ADSS is a national survey designed to obtain in-depth information

on substance abuse treatment providers and clients. Information provided includes: treatment cost estimates; program capacity; data on the relation of services and resources to treatment outcome; services to special populations; and data to validate annual UFDS reports. ADSS is the continuation of DSRS and SROS, described

separately in this publication.

Methodology: ADSS consists of three phases: (1) a facility-based telephone

interview with a representative sample of substance abuse treatment providers; (2) a record-based survey of patients where patient-level information was collected on a sample of patients discharged during a 6-month time period; and (3) follow-up personal interviews with the sample of patients and a comparison group to determine substance use, criminal behavior, and other functional

characteristics. Follow-up began in February 1998.

Sample size: The ADSS uses a sample of 2200-2400 treatment facilities, with 300

facilities sub-sampled by a site visit. Patient-level information is

collected on a sample of over 4000 clients.

Alcohol variables: Alcohol and other drug use history is recorded along with treatment

type; length of stay in treatment; and source of payment. Post-

treatment use will be studied in the Phase III follow-up.

Other variables: Demographics (ages, race and sex); pregnancy status; living

arrangements and source of treatment referral are collected on patients. Facility characteristics recorded include ownership; accreditation; workload and staffing; revenue sources; and treatment

cost. Follow-up will include post-treatment status of criminal

behavior, employment and health resources use.

Limitations: Data provide national (not State or local) estimates only.

Title: CDC State Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance

System—1984-1997, Annually

Sponsoring agency: Surveys are conducted by the States and coordinated by the CDC,

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Contact: Behavioral Surveillance Branch

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Atlanta, GA 30341 (404) 488-5292

http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/brfss

Survey design/purpose: The survey was initiated in 1981 to help the States to obtain

prevalence estimates of health behaviors associated with the risk of chronic disease and injury. Twenty-nine States participated in initial point-in-time surveys from 1981–1983; monthly data collection began in 15 States in 1984. By 1994, all states, the District of Columbia, and three territories were participating in the BRFSS. Behavioral Surveillance includes seat belt use, history of hypertension, frequency of physical exercise, amount of recreational activity, diet, mammography, exposure to stress, smoking, alcohol use (including drinking and driving), HIV/AIDS, and prevention behaviors (i.e., annual check-ups, cancer screening, etc.). Data from

1984 to the present are available on CD-ROM.

Methodology: The survey is conducted in each participating State on a probability

sample with telephone interviews in the first and last weeks of each month in the year. The survey consists of a set of core questions and seven modules; each participating State administers the core set

and as many of the modules as their desire and funding allows.

Sample size: Sample size varies from year to year, dependent on the number of

States participating. All States except Wyoming participated in 1993. In recent years, there were approximately 50,000 respondents. BRFSS was designed to collect State-level data;

however, regional prevalence estimates are possible due to a number

of States that stratified their samples from the outset.

Alcohol variables: Alcohol variables include alcohol consumption within the past

month; frequency of consumption within the past 12 months; average number of drinks consumed per occasion; having five or more drinks per occasion within the past 4 weeks; and frequency of driving after drinking (or riding with as drinking driver) within the past 4 weeks. Note: Alcohol questions are part of a rotating core questionnaire. States responding to alcohol questions number:

11 in 1994, all in 1995, 17 in 1996, all in 1997.

Other variables: Other key variables in the survey include age, race, sex, education,

height, and weight. States can add modules of questions to meet

special needs.

Limitations: Participation of States varies each year. Caution must be used

when comparing data over several years.

Title: Drug Services Research Survey (DSRS)—1990

Sponsoring agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services

Contact: Anita Gadzuk

Office of Applied Studies

SAMSHA

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Survey design/purpose: DSRS was conducted in 1990 to obtain information on alcoholism

and drug abuse treatment providers and patients to supplement data from the National Drug and Alcoholism Treatment Unit Survey (NDATUS) (now UFDS). Treatment capacity and utilization, treatment of IV drug users and pregnant women, and training received by treatment providers was recorded. This survey also provided baseline data for the SROS follow-up study of treatment

outcome.

Methodology: DSRS consists of two components, a facility based telephone

interview with a representative sample of drug treatment providers, followed by a record-based survey of patients discharged from treatment. In the first phase, facility level information was collected from facility directors. In the second phase, patient level information was abstracted from records of sampled patients discharged during the 12-month period from September 1, 1989 through August 31,

1990.

Sample size: A stratified random sample of 1,803 treatment facilities in the

coterminous United States was drawn from the 1990 NDATUS census. Facility level data were collected by telephone: 1,458 facilities were determined to be eligible for inclusion and 1,183 provided data. A sub-sample of 120 facilities participated in site visits to abstract information from patient records. Client data were

collected on a sample of 2,222 discharged patients.

Alcohol variables: Facility variables include treatment modality, length of stay,

principal drug of use for clients in treatment, treatment history,

history of use, and source.

Other variables: Ownership, accreditation, capacity and workload, staffing, cost, and

sources of revenue are recorded for each facility. Patient data include demographics, education, employment status, living

arrangements and source of referral to treatment.

Limitations: Data provide national (not State and local) estimates only.

Methodology:

Title: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS)—1975-1997

Sponsoring agency: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), U.S.

Department of Transportation

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http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/ncsa/fars.html

Survey design/purpose: FARS gathers detailed data on fatal traffic crashes each year to

identify traffic safety problems (including drinking and driving), to develop and implement better ways of dealing with these problems, and to evaluate existing and proposed highway and motor vehicle

FARS collects data on all fatal traffic crashes occurring each year

and to evaluate existing and proposed highway and motor vehicle safety standards and highway safety programs.

within the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. To be included, a crash must involve at least one motor vehicle moving on a roadway customarily open to the public, and result in the death of a person within 30 days of the crash. Data sources may include: police crash reports, State vehicle registration files, State driver licensing files, State highway department files, vital statistics documents, death certificates, coroners' reports, hospital reports, and

emergency medical services reports. Over 100 data elements are

collected using four instruments: the accident form, the vehicle and

driver form, the person form, and the FARS alcohol files.

Sample size: FARS is a census of all fatal traffic crashes, as defined above, occurring in the United States each year, and as such, the totals vary from year to year. In 1996, FARS contained 37,351 fatal traffic

crashes that resulted in 41.907 deaths.

Alcohol variables: Alcohol involvement in a crash is determined with the following

three variables: (1) results of a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) test, (2) the judgment of the investigating officer, and (3) whether DUI charges were filed. In 1984, NHTSA developed a statistical method for estimating BAC values for drivers in cases where BACs

are unknown.

Other variables: Other key variables available for analysis in FARS include: age, sex, time and date of occurrence of the crash, number of vehicles involved, vehicle make and model, speed limit, road and atmospheric

conditions, violations charged, injury severity, and person type.

Limitations: Alcohol involvement is typically underreported because (1) police are

reluctant to specify alcohol involvement, (2) BAC tests are not consistently administered, and (3) DUI citations are rarely given. Unfortunately, the estimated driver BAC values produced using the NHTSA statistical procedure are not available on public use data tapes. Also, some important demographic variables (e.g., race) are

 $not\ included.$

Title: Health Care Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) Nationwide

Inpatient Sample (NIS)-1988-1996

Sponsoring agency: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR), U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services

Contact: Health Care Cost and Utilization Project

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

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http://www.ahcpr.gov/data/hcup/hcupnis.htm

Survey design/purpose: HCUP is a Feder

HCUP's objectives are to: (1) obtain data from statewide information sources, (2) design and develop a multi-State health care database to be used for health services research and health policy analysis, and (3) release data to a broad set of public and private users. These uniform data will allow for comparative studies of health care services and the use and cost of hospital care, including the effects of market forces on hospitals and the care they provide, variations in medical practice, the effectiveness of medical technology and treatments, and use of services by special populations. The Nationwide Inpatient Sample (NIS), part of HCUP, is a database that contains patient-level information on inpatient hospital stays.

Methodology:

The NIS is a stratified probability sample of U.S. hospitals proportional to the number of community hospitals in each stratum. It contains discharge data from hospitals in States that have agreed to provide the project with all-payer data on hospital inpatient stays. Inpatient stay records include clinical and resource use information typically available from discharge abstracts. Hospital and discharge weights are provided for producing national estimates. This can be linked to hospital-level data from the American Hospital Association (AHA) Annual Survey of Hospitals, and to county-level data from the Bureau of Health Professions' Area Resource File (except for hospitals in Kansas and South Carolina). Five releases are currently available: 1988-1992 (11 States responding), 1993 and 1994 (17 States responding), and 1995-1996 (19 states responding). Each release approximates a 20% sample of U.S. community hospitals for their respective years.

Sample size:

The NIS contains discharge data from about 900 hospitals approximating a 20-percent sample of U.S. hospitals. The number of states participating has increased from 11 in Release 1 to 19 in Release 5. Data in Release 5 include 6.5 million records.

Alcohol variables:

Alcohol-related diagnoses may be compared by geographic region, hospital ownership, urban/rural location, and quality of care outcomes. NIS data may be compared with the National Hospital Discharge Survey data to evaluate validity and generalizability.

Other variables:

Other key variables include: principal diagnosis, any listed diagnosis, principal procedure, any listed procedure, DRG in effect on discharge, age, race, sex, died during hospitalization, length of stay, primary and secondary payer, and median income.

Title: Linked Birth and Infant Death Data Set Public-Use Data

Files-1989-91

Sponsoring agency: National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), U.S. Department of

Health and Human Services

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Reproductive Statistics Branch

NCHS/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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http://www.cdc.gov/nchswww/products/catalogs/subject/linkedbd/

linkedbd.htm

Survey design/purpose: In 1983 NCHS established a unique research data set comprised on

linked birth and death certificates for infants born in the United States who died before reaching one year of age. In this data set, information from the death certificate is linked with information from the birth certificate for each infant. The purpose of this linkage is to use the many additional variables available from the birth certificate in infant mortality analysis. Analysis of this information can provide insight into the major factors influencing

infant mortality in the United States.

Methodology: The Linked Birth/Death Data Set-1995 Period Data contains

numerator and denominator files for the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam. These and earlier data sets can be used to calculate infant mortality rates by selected infant and maternal characteristics. The numerator file contains statistical data from linked birth and infant death records. The denominator file is the NCHS natality file in a compressed format. For the 1995 data set, 97.5 percent of all infant deaths in the United States are linked to their corresponding birth records. However, for a few infant death records, no matching birth certificate could be found. An additional file of infant death records, called the "unlinked file," is also provided. Beginning with 1989 data, the additional variables from the 1989 Revision of the U.S. Standard Certificates of Birth

and Death were added.

Sample size: The 1991 data set includes 35,520 records in the numerator file and

3,913,967 records in the denominator file.

Alcohol variables: Alcohol use by the mother is recorded in both the numerator and

denominator files for 1989-91 birth cohorts only. The survey asks if the mother used alcohol during the pregnancy and the average $\frac{1}{2}$

number of drinks consumed per week.

Other variables: Demographic information, pregnancy/birth history and prenatal

care, infant health data, and cause of death are obtained from birth and death records. Causes of death were coded using the

International Classification of Disease, 9th Revision.

Title: **National Alcohol Survey (Survey of Attitudes and**

Interests)—1964-65, 1967, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1990 and 1992

Follow-up, 1995-96

Sponsoring agency:

Alcohol Research Group, and National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Contact:

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Survey design:

The National Alcohol Survey (NAS) is designed to assess trends in drinking practices and problems in the national population, including attitudes, norms, treatment experiences and adverse consequences. It also studies effects of public policy on drinking practices, i.e., alcoholic beverage warning labels.

Sample characteristics:

The National Alcohol Survey is a multistage-area probability sample. In-person and telephone interviews are conducted with adult respondents, age 18 and older, in households within the 48 contiguous States. Blacks and Hispanics are oversampled. Special populations in various institutional settings, including detoxification centers, jails, clinics, emergency rooms, and welfare offices may be sampled.

Sample size:

The number of respondents varies each year as shown below:

Survey	Year	Sample Size	Population
N1	1964-65	2,746	Adults, excl. AK and HI
N2	1967	1,359	N1 respondents, reinterviewed
N3	1969	978	Men, aged 21-49
N4	1974	725	N3 respondents, reinterviewed
N5	1974	900	N2 respondents, reinterviewed
N6	1979	1,772	Adults, aged 18+
N7	1984	5,221	Adults, aged 18+
N8	1990	2,058	Adults, aged 18+
		1,110	Youth supplement, aged 12-30
N7 Followup	1992	2,247	N7 respondents, reinterviewed
_		583	New youth respondents—aged
			18-25
N8 Followup	1992-93	1,027	N8 respondents, reinterviewed
-		261	Family members of teens
			(12-17) from N8 main sample,
			reinterviewed
N9	1995-96	4,925	Adults, aged 18+

Alcohol variables:

Includes quantity/frequency measures of total alcohol consumption and individual beverage type including beer, wine and spirits. Questions also survey binge drinking, attempts to reduce drinking, attitudes/opinions on drinking levels in different drinking situations, treatment status, and drinking consequences. Drinking consequences surveyed include: skipping meals, hands shaking, financial harm, employment repercussions, injury or health effects, and psychological/emotional distress. Trend analysis of consumption, problems, and norms using 1979, 1984, 1990, and 1995 data is available in the 1995-96 survey.

Other variables:

Demographic data including age, race, sex, geographic region, education, income, and others. Additional variables include attitudes and values concerning violence and injury; risktaking behaviors; AIDS knowledge and fears; illegal behaviors and arrests; criminal history; and likelihood of being caught.

Limitations:

Responses are weighted to compensate for uneven selection probabilities.

Title: National Automotive Sampling System - General Estimates

System (GES)—1988-1997, Annually

Sponsoring agency: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), U.S.

Department of Transportation

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http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/ncsa/nass_ges.html

Survey design/purpose: To support the development, implementation and assessment of

highway safety programs aimed at reducing the human and economic cost of motor vehicle traffic crashes, as well as to identify highway safety problem areas, provide a basis for regulatory and consumer information initiatives, and form the basis for cost and

benefit analyses of highway safety initiatives.

Methodology: The GES collects data from a stratified probability sample of the

estimated 6.1 million police-reported crashes that occur each year. Data are obtained by GES collectors in weekly, biweekly, or monthly visits to approximately 400 police agencies within 60 demographic

sites throughout the United States.

Sample Size: The GES samples approximately 50,000 Police Accident Reports on

accidents of all types, from minor to serious.

Alcohol variables: Alcohol involvement is reported as the judgment of the investigating

officer. Also included is a variable that indicates the violation(s)

charged to the driver of the vehicle.

Other variables: Other key variables include age, sex, time and date of occurrence,

vehicle make, injury information, fatalities, property damage, and

sample weights.

Limitations: There are no data on blood alcohol concentration levels because it is

rare that in a nonfatal accident any kind of alcohol test will be performed. Data on fatalities are usually derived from FARS (a census of fatal traffic crashes) rather than GES. Some key

demographic variables, such as race, are not included.

Title: National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS)—1973,

1975-1981, 1985, 1989-1997

Sponsoring agency: National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), U.S. Department of

Health and Human Services

Contact: Data Dissemination Branch, NCHS

6525 Belcrest Road Hyattsville, MD 20782

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http://www.cdc.gov/nchswww/about/major/ahcd/namcsdes.htm

Survey design/purpose: To provide objective, reliable information about the provision and use of ambulatory medical care services in the United States.

Sample characteristics: A national probability sample of ambulatory office visits providing

information on patient, physician, and visit characteristics. The sample includes office visits to over 1,700 physicians in the U.S. who are engaged in patient care in an office setting. Data for a systematic random sample of visits were recorded by physicians during a randomly assigned 7-day period. Encounter forms use data obtained on patients' characteristics, several clinical aspects of the visit, medications prescribed, diagnoses, physician characteristics,

and expected source of payment.

Sample size: The number of records included in each survey is listed below:

<u>Year</u>	Number of Records	<u>Year</u>	Number of Records
1973	29,143	1989	38,384
1975	62,697	1990	43,469
1976	51,224	1991	33,795
1977	51,004	1992	34,606
1978	47,291	1993	35,978
1979	45,351	1994	33,598
1980	46,081	1995	36,875
1981	43,366	1996	29,805
1985	71,594	1997	24,715

Alcohol variables:

Alcohol use or alcohol-related conditions cited as a reason for the visit are coded only when mentioned by the patient.

Other variables:

Patient data collected include: date of visit, age, race, sex, and ethnicity of patient; reason for visit (up to 3); expected source(s) of payment; diagnostic screening services this visit; physician's diagnosis(es)(up to 3); referral and previous visit history; medication and non-medication therapy(s)(up to 5 medications); disposition and duration of visit; patient weight; geographic region; and SMSA code. Pregnancy status, authorization requirements, HMO status and major reason for visit were added in 1997.

Data tape availability:

Data for survey years 1973-91 are available on two data files: a patient visit data file and a second file dealing with drug mentions. The "drug file" includes only office visits where one or more medications were ordered, administered, or provided. Both patient visit and drug information are combined in one data file as of 1992.

Title: National Crime Victimization Survey, 1986-1996, Annually

Sponsoring agency: Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice

Contact: Michael R. Rand, Chief

Bureau of Justice Statistics Victimization Statistics

810 Seventh Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20531 (202) 616-3494

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/cvict.htm

http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/NACJD/SDA/ncvs.html

Survey design/purpose: The National Crime Surveys collect data on the prevalence of

personal and household victimization in the United States. The program has four primary objectives: to develop detailed information about the victims and consequences of crime, to estimate the numbers and types of crimes not reported to the police, to provide uniform measures of selected types of crimes, and to permit comparisons over time and types of areas. A School Crime Supplement was conducted in 1989 and 1995. It included 12-19 year-old students in schools leading toward diplomas. Data have

been collected since 1973 with a redesign in 1992.

Sample characteristics: This is an on-going national probability survey of residential

addresses in selected U.S. cities. Seven interviews are conducted at

6-month intervals.

Sample size: The 1996 sample includes approximately 94,000 persons, age 12 and

older, in 45,400 households in the United States. Each housing unit

selected remains in the sample for 3 years.

Alcohol variables: The survey inquires if the victim noticed that the offender had been

drinking or used drugs in combination with alcohol. The School Crime Supplement includes questions pertaining to students'

knowledge of drug sources at school.

Other variables: Demographic information on the victim and offender are collected,

along with: characteristics of the crime, situational data, and information on responses to the incident by the victim and the criminal justice system. The crimes (or attempted crimes) recorded include rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny, and auto or motor

vehicle theft.

Limitations: Undercoverage of certain population subgroups (e.g., young, black

males; illegal aliens; or those with particular lifestyles, such as drifters, street hustlers, and the homeless). Victim interviews rely on perception of drug use by the offender, which may not have been accurately observed. Not all criminal incidents are covered (e.g., white collar crime). Recollection of the event by the victim can be problematic; there is also a reluctance to report certain incidents, especially domestic violence. Panel design of housing units

precludes long-term observation of individual victimization

experiences.

Title: National Fetal Mortality Survey (NFMS)—1980

Sponsoring agency: National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), U.S. Department of

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Survey design/purpose: The 1980 NFMS is a mailed followback survey of mothers, hospitals

and other medical sources identified from reports of fetal death or certificates of fetal death. Information is abstracted from fetal death reports or certificates, questionnaires mailed to married mothers only, and questionnaires mailed to three types of medical service providers as appropriate (attendants at delivery, hospitals,

radiologic services)

Sample characteristics: A two-in-five nationwide sample of all fetal deaths which occurred

during 1980 in the United States with gestation of 28 weeks or

more, or delivery weight of 1,000 grams or more.

Sample size: It is a sample of 6,387 fetal deaths.

Alcohol variables: The variables that describe alcohol consumption during pregnancy

are limited to the 4,405 married mothers who completed the mailed questionnaire. These are: alcoholic beverage consumption during 12 months before delivery, quantity and frequency before pregnancy and during pregnancy, as well as the kinds of alcoholic beverages

consumed.

Other variables: Demographics, health status, health practices, health resource

utilization and infant status variables. Also included are pregnancy

outcome variables such as miter, Apgar score, and complications.

Limitations: Levels of reported alcohol consumption are low, thus limiting

possibilities for analysis of moderate and heavy drinkers.

Title: **National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey I**

(NHANES I) 1971-1975

Sponsoring agency: National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), U.S. Department of

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nhanes1.htm

NHANES I was designed to collect extensive demographic, medical **Survey design/purpose:**

history, nutritional, clinical, and laboratory data on a probability sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population of the United

States.

Methodology: The survey was a multistage, stratified probability sample of

clusters of persons 1-74 years of age. The survey design included oversampling of certain population subgroups, including persons living in poverty areas, women of childbearing age (25-44 years of age), and elderly persons (65 years of age and over). The following items involved the entire sample: general medical history, 24-hour dietary intake, food frequency interview, food program questionnaire, general medical exam including dental, dermatological, and ophthalmological exams, anthropometric

measurement, and 24 hematological, blood chemistry and urological lab determinations. Additionally, hand-wrist x-rays were performed on children 1-17, and other questionnaires, medical exams and lab tests were performed on a subset of the sampled adults 25-74 years

of age.

Sample size: Nationwide, multistage, stratified probability sample of about

32,000 persons 1-74 years old. Data are weighted to represent the civilian, noninstitutionalized population, excluding Alaska, Hawaii,

and persons residing on Indian reservations.

Alcohol variables: The medical exam portion of NHANES I includes 4 questions related to alcohol:

> During the last year, have you had at least one drink of beer, 1. wine or liquor?

- How often do you drink? (Range goes from daily to 2 or 3 2. times per year, for those who answered "yes" to question 1 above).
- 3. Which do you most frequently drink? (Beer, wine, liquor).
- When you do drink (beer/wine/liquor), how much do you usually drink over 24 hours?

The 24-hour dietary recall interview coded for alcohol ingested during a 24-hour period. Also, information on caloric value for each food substance ingested has been included to allow analysis of food calories, alcohol calories, and percentage of alcohol in the diet.

Other variables:

Demographic variables include age, sex, race, education, occupation, employment status, marital status, income, language, ancestry/national origin, participation in public assistance programs, and housing type and facilities.

Medical information includes results of exams and lab tests.

Nutritional information includes type of foods consumed, caloric content, and time and place of consumption.

Limitations:

Questions do not allow examination of former drinkers' consumption patterns and the 24-hours recall interview does not cover weekend consumption of alcohol. Weights are available. However, they are divided into specific sections of primary sampling units (PSUs) and are not available for the sample as a whole unit.

Title: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey I Epidemiologic Followup Studies (NHEFS)—1982-84

Sponsoring agency: National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), U.S. Department of

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Survey design/purpose: The primary purpose of NHEFS is to investigate the relationships of

clinical, nutritional, and behavioral factors assessed in NHANES I to subsequent morbidity and mortality. The three major objectives

of NHEFS are to assess:

1. Morbidity and mortality associated with suspected risk factors.

2. Changes in participants' characteristics.

3. Natural history of chronic disease and functional impairments.

Methodology:

NHANES I adult respondents were traced and interviewed in 1982-84, 1986, and 1987. Whereas NHANES I contains information gathered in physical exams, laboratory tests, and interviews, NHEFS is primarily a personal interview survey that relies on self-reporting of conditions. In addition, hospital and nursing home records were collected for any episode that occurred since the respondent's NHANES I examination, and death certificates were collected for those who had died. The sample is followed annually with the use of the National Death index to obtain death certificates for respondents who have died in between followup interviews.

Sample size:

A total of 13,383 of the 14,407 respondents were traced from NHANES I. The sample was chosen from participants who were 25-74 years of age when examined in NHANES I. Proxies were used for those who were incapacitated or deceased. Health care facility records and death certificates were reviewed for the decedents. Pulse rate, weight and blood pressure measurements were recorded for surviving participants. 10,523 living respondents were interviewed out of the 11,361 traced (a response rate of 93 percent).

Alcohol variables:

Alcohol-related questions are contained in part M (1-22) of the 1982-84 survey, and one question (N-41) in the 24-hour dietary recall interview pertains to alcohol consumption. The questions primarily address issues of quantity and frequency of consumption, reasons for drinking type of beverage or not drinking, drinking patterns at earlier ages, and period of heaviest drinking.

Other variables:

Other variables include demographics (age, sex, race, education, occupation, income, employment status, marital status, etc.), medical history (medical conditions), nutrition (dietary recall and food frequency), physical examination, and measurements.

Limitations:

As a result of oversampling of women, the elderly, and those persons residing in poverty areas in NHANES I, any analyses using NHANES I and the followup studies should be weighted appropriately. However, only baseline weights are available, which can be used if loss to followup is properly addressed and described so as to avoid bias. Data for racial groups other than white and black are restricted.

Title: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey I Epidemiologic Followup Studies (NHEFS)—1986

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Survey design/purpose: The 1986 Followup was conducted to extend the followup period for

the older NHEFS population. The main objectives of the 1986 Followup were to: (1) continue monitoring changes over time in health, functional status, and utilization of hospitals and nursing

homes and (2) track the incidence of various medical conditions.

Methodology: The 1986 Followup was restricted to 5,677 NHEFS subjects who

were 55 years and over at the time of their NHANES I examination (almost 40 percent of the entire cohort). Tracing and data collection in 1986 consisted of a portion of these subjects, known as the 1986 Followup cohort. While the design and data collection in the 1986 Followup were similar to those in the 1982-84 NHEFS, the 2-hour subject interview was conducted in person; in the 1986 NHEFS, each interview averaged 30 minutes and was conducted primarily by

each interview averaged 30 minutes and was conducted primarily by telephone. As a result, no physical measurements were made in the

1986 NHEFS.

Sample size: The 1986 NHEFS Cohort consists of 3,980 subjects age 55 years and

older at NHANES I who were not known to be deceased in the 1982-84 NHEFS, regardless of whether they had been successfully traced

or interviewed in 1982-84.

Alcohol variables: Alcohol-related questions are contained in Part C of the

questionnaire, and cover quantity and frequency of drinking by

beverage type.

Other variables: To maintain item comparability with NHANES I and the 1982-84

NHEFS, a majority of questions in this NHEFS questionnaire were the same as those used in the previous NHEFS waves. In addition to demographic information, the subject and proxy questionnaires were divided into sections according to the following topic areas: living arrangement and household composition, history of selected medical conditions, functional limitation, smoking and alcohol habits, exercise and weight, vision and hearing, pregnancy and menstrual history, community services, activity level, urinary incontinence, changes in memory, utilization of hospitals, nursing homes and other health care facilities, and locality of subject's

death.

Limitations: Data are limited to a subset of subjects in the older age groups. As

a result, weighting with available baseline weights is not acceptable, so any analyses will be performed using unweighted data, which

affects generalizability to the U.S. population.

Title: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey I Epidemiologic Followup Studies (NHEFS)—1987

Sponsoring agency: National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), U.S. Department of

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Survey design/purpose: The 1987 NHEFS, the third wave of the NHANES I Epidemiologic

Followup study, collected information on changes in the health and functional status of the entire NHEFS cohort since the last contact. The design and data collection procedures adopted in the 1987 NHEFS were very similar to the ones developed in the previous surveys: subjects were traced; subject and proxy interviews were conducted; and, health care facility abstracts and death certificates were collected. All subjects whose vital status was not obtained

through tracing procedures were considered lost-to-followup.

Methodology: The 1987 NHEFS consisted of the entire non-deceased NHEFS cohort. The interviews were conducted in a similar manner to those in the 1986 NHEFS, with each interview averaging 30 minutes and

were made in the 1987 NHEFS.

Sample size: At the end of the 1987 NHEFS data collection period, 11,018 of the

11,750 members of the 1987 NHEFS cohort had been successfully traced. Interviews were conducted for 9,998 subjects of this cohort (response rate 91 percent). In addition, 7,361 facility stay records were collected for 3,472 subjects, and death certificates were obtained for 524 of the 555 subjects who were deceased since last

taking place primarily by telephone. No physical measurements

contact.

Alcohol variables: Alcohol-related questions are contained in Part D of the

questionnaire, and primarily pertain to quantity and frequency of

drinking by beverage type.

Other variables: To maintain item comparability with NHANES I and the 1982-84

and 1986 NHEFS, a majority of questions in this NHEFS questionnaire were the same as those used in the previous NHEFS waves. In addition to demographic information, the subject and proxy questionnaires were divided into sections according to the following topic areas: living arrangement and household composition, history of selected medical conditions, functional limitation, smoking and alcohol habits, exercise and weight, vision and hearing, pregnancy and menstrual history, utilization of

hospitals, nursing homes and other health care facilities, and

locality of subject's death.

Limitations:

The 1987 NHEFS is a followup of the entire 14,407 subjects that were medically examined in NHANES I. It is valuable in monitoring changes in morbidity and mortality of a nationwide probability sample.

Data from each wave of the NHEFS can be linked to each other and compared to data collected at baseline, however weighting and loss to followup need to be considered in regard to any analyses. Additional information on the NHEFS cohort will be available in future years. Plans are to recontact and reinterview cohort members or their proxies, to collect health care facility data, and to collect death certificate information.

Title: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey I Epidemiologic Followup Studies (NHEFS)—1992

Sponsoring agency: National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), U.S. Department of

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Survey design/purpose: The 1992 NHEFS, the fourth wave of the NHANES I Epidemiologic

Followup study, collected information on changes in the health and functional status of the entire NHEFS cohort since the last contact. The design and data collection procedures adopted in the 1992 NHEFS were very similar to the ones developed in the 1987 survey: subjects were traced; subject and proxy interviews were conducted; and, health care facility abstracts and death certificates were collected. All subjects whose vital status was not obtained through

tracing procedures were considered lost-to-followup.

Methodology: The 1992 NHEFS consisted of the entire non-deceased NHEFS

cohort. The interviews were conducted in a similar manner to those in the 1987 NHEFS, with each interview averaging 30 minutes and taking place primarily by telephone. No physical measurements

were made in the 1992 NHEFS.

Sample size: At the end of the 1992 NHEFS data collection period, 10,079 of the

11,195 members of the 1987 NHEFS cohort had been successfully traced (90 percent). Interviews were conducted for 9,281 subjects of this cohort (response rate 92 percent). In addition, 10,535 facility stay records were collected, and death certificates were obtained for

90 percent of subjects who were deceased since last contact.

Alcohol variables: Alcohol-related questions are contained in Part D of the

questionnaire, and primarily pertain to quantity and frequency of

drinking by beverage type.

Other variables: To maintain item comparability between NHANES I, the 1982-84, 1986, 1987 NHEFS, and 1992 NHEFS, a majority of questions in

the most recent NHEFS questionnaire were the same as those used in the previous NHEFS waves. In addition to demographic information, the subject and proxy questionnaires were divided into sections according to the following topic areas: living arrangement and household composition, history of selected medical conditions, functional limitation, smoking and alcohol habits, everyise and

functional limitation, smoking and alcohol habits, exercise and weight, vision and hearing, pregnancy and menstrual history, utilization of hospitals, nursing homes and other health care

facilities, and locality of subject's death.

Limitations:

The 1992 NHEFS is a followup of the entire 14,407 subjects that were medically examined in NHANES I. It is valuable in monitoring changes in morbidity and mortality of a nationwide probability sample.

Data from each wave of the NHEFS can be linked to each other and compared to data collected at baseline, however weighting and loss to followup need to be considered in regard to any analyses. Additional information on the NHEFS cohort will be available in future years. Plans are to recontract and reinterview cohort members or their proxies, to collect health care facility data, and to collect death certificate information.

Title: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey II

(NHANES II)—1976-1980

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Survey design/purpose: This data set is composed of 8 specific, yet related elements: a

household questionnaire, medical history questionnaire for persons age 6 months to 11 years, medical history questionnaire for persons 12 years to 74 years, two dietary questionnaires, medications and vitamin usage, a dietary supplement interview form, and a behavior questionnaire. The survey was designed to monitor the nutritional

status and medical condition of the population.

Methodology: The design of the survey is such that a stratified, multistage,

probability sample of U.S. households was selected. The sample design of NHANES II differs from NHANES I in that different definitions and stratification procedures were used to identify primary sampling units (PSUs). Three subgroups of the population

were given special consideration in the area of nutritional

assessment. These were: preschool children (6 months-5 years), the aged (60-74 years), and persons whose income was below the poverty level as defined by 1970 census results. The final result was the

selection of 64 geographic locations visited by the mobile

examination centers during the survey period.

Sample size: NHANES II sampling plan resulted in a total of 27,803 sample

persons and 20,325 examined persons in 64 PSUs throughout the

United States.

Alcohol variables: Frequency of alcohol use in the Dietary 24-Hour Recall and the

Dietary Frequency Questionnaire.

Other variables: In addition to demographic variables of age, sex, and race, other

questionnaire topics include: medical history, health history, dietary (24-hour recall and supplement), medications/vitamin usage, behavior questionnaire, control record, body measurements, audiometry, allergy testing, spirometry, liver function test, glucose

challenge, speech pathology test, and physician's examination.

Alcohol Epidemiologic Data System

Title: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey III

(NHANES III)—1988-1994

Sponsoring agency: National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), U.S. Department of

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nhanes3.htm

Survey design/purpose: The survey was designed to obtain nationally representative

information on the health and nutritional status of the population of the United States through interviews and direct physical

examinations. Physical examinations and objective measures are employed because the information collected cannot be furnished or is not available in a standardized manner through interviews with the people themselves or through records maintained by the health

professionals who provide their medical care.

Methodology: The Third National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

(NHANES III), 1988-94, was conducted on a nationwide probability sample of approximately 33,994 persons 2 months and over. The NHANES III consists of five separate files: Adult Household Data, Youth Household Data, Examination Data, Laboratory Data, and Dietary Recall Data. These data files are from the full 6 years of the NHANES III. 1988-94, and contains nearly all the data collected

in the survey.

Sample size: The sample includes data on 33,994 persons. There are 20,050

adult household data records; 29,314 lab data records; 13,994 youth

household data records; and 31,311 examination data records.

Alcohol variables: Frequency of alcohol use in the past month, week, and day and the

amount of beer, wine, and liquor typically consumed in a month,

day, and week were asked of respondents age 12 and older.

Other variables: Some of the 30 topics investigated in the NHANES III were: high

blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, obesity, passive smoking, lung disease, osteoporosis, HIV, hepatitis, helicobacter pylori, immunization status, diabetes, allergies, growth and development, blood lead, anemia, food sufficiency, dietary intake-including data,

antioxidants, and nutritional blood measures.

Limitations: NHANES III is a new set of respondents and thus cannot be linked

longitudinally back to earlier NHANES or NHEFS surveys.

Title: National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), General Description—1957-1995

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Survey design/purpose:

Since its inception in 1957, the NHIS has been a continuing nationwide sample survey in which data are collected through personal interviews with household members by U.S. Bureau of the Census interviewers. Data are used to provide national estimates on the incidence of acute illness and injuries, the prevalence of chronic conditions and impairments, the extent of disability, the utilization of health care services (physician visits and hospital episodes), and other health-related topics. All conditions are coded according to the International Classification of Diseases. The survey is periodically redesigned to emphasize data collection on current health issues. Use of supplements also allow specialized data collection. Supplements may include health promotion and disease prevention (HPDP), knowledge of and attitudes toward AIDS, smoking, alcohol and other drug use, cancer and heart disease risk factors, other health risk factors, health insurance, and aging.

Sample characteristics:

The NHIS uses a multistage probability design that permits continuous sampling of the civilian noninstitutionalized population residing in the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

Sample size:

The sample size varies by component and by year, ranging from approximately 43,000 households including 106,000 persons. Technical characteristics of NHIS data tapes for 1983-1994 are as follows:

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1983 1984	40,912 41,471	105,620 105,290	Alcohol Section
1985 1986	36,399 24.698	91,531 62.052	HPDP
1987 1988	49,569 50.061	122,859 122.310	Epidemiologic Follow-Up Alcohol Section
1989 1990	48,054 48,680	116,929 119,631	HPDP
1991 1992	48,853 51.643	120,032 128,412	Drug and Alcohol Use and HPDP YRBS and Epidemiology
1993 1994	43,007 45,705	109,671 116,179	Clinical and Prevention Services Disability Followback and
	,,,	,	Year 2000 Objectives

Alcohol variables:

Alcohol variables are available in several special supplementary surveys, described in the following pages.

Other variables:

For each sample person there are five files in the core questionnaire: health conditions, doctor visits, hospital stays, household characteristics, and person characteristics.

Limitations:

The sample is limited to noninstitutionalized persons living in a household, which might exclude a substantial number of persons with serious health problems, especially alcohol abuse. Special variance estimation computer programs(e.g., SESUDAAN, SUDAAN) should be used to adjust for the complex design of the survey.

Title: National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), Disability Supplements and Year 2000 Objectives—1994-1995

Sponsoring agency: National Institute on Drug Abuse and National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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Survey design/purpose: This NHIS includes data on health conditions, current health status,

and disabilities. The 1991 parameters were used for 1994 data collection. The Disability survey used varying definitions of disability to collect data than can be used to understand disability, to develop public health policy, to produce simple prevalence estimates of selected health conditions, and to provide descriptive

baseline statistics on the effects of disabilities.

The followback surveys were conducted based on responses to the Sample characteristics:

> NHIS interviews. These included disability followback for four groups (<18 years, 18+ years, 18+ with a history of polio, and elderly person without disability, aged 69+ years). Each survey was conducted in 2 phases: Phase I data were organized into 2 files: a person file and a condition file. Responses to Phase I questions, along with other NHIS data on activity limitations determined

eligibility for Phase II.

Sample size: There were 19,738 respondents to the Year 2000 Objectives

Supplement.

Alcohol variables: Disability Supplement, Part E, Mental Health:

> During the past 12 months, did respondent have an alcohol abuse disorder?

Year 2000 Objectives Supplement, Part E, Clinical Preventive Services:

During your last check-up, were you asked about how much and how often you drink alcohol?

Disability Followback, Child Questionnaire, Section K, Mental Health asks about substance abuse services in past 12 months.

Disability Followback, Adult Questionnaire, Section M, Health Opinions and Behaviors, and Aging Questionnaire, Section K, **Health Opinions and Behaviors:**

- Have you had at least one drink of beer, wine, or liquor in the past year?
- During the past year, on the average, on how many days did you drink alcoholic beverages?
- On those days when you drank, about how many drinks would you say you had?

Other variables:

Major data collection topics included immunization, disability, family resources, Year 2000 objectives, AIDS knowledge and attitudes, and disability followback on children, adults, and aging cohorts.

Limitations:

The sample is limited to noninstitutionalized individuals living in households which might cause the exclusion of persons with serious alcohol problems who are either in institutions or homeless. Questions on Hispanics were moved again.

Title: National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), 1993 Supplement

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Survey design/purpose: This NHIS includes data on health conditions, current health status,

and disabilities. The 1993 supplement collected additional data on four special topic areas: immunization, family resources, Year 2000

objectives, and AIDS knowledge and attitudes.

Sample characteristics: Data were collected in the latter half of the year for all topics except

immunization. The sample included adults age 18 and over.

Immunization data were collected for the whole year using a sample of one child under age 6 in each family with age-eligible children.

Alcohol variables: One alcohol guestion included under the clinical and preventive

services section asks whether the respondent was asked during the last medical check-up "How much and how often do you drink

alcohol?"

Other variables: Year 2000 Objectives section includes characteristics of home

environment, tobacco use, nutrition, occupational safety and health, heart disease and stroke, health prevention, mental health, oral

health, and AIDS knowledge and attitudes.

Limitations: Drinking status from the 1993 supplement is not comparable to

previous NHIS surveys due to questionnaire and measurement changes. The sample is limited to noninstitutionalized individuals living in households which might cause the exclusion of persons with serious alcohol problems who are either in institutions or

homeless.

Title: National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), YRBS and **Epidemiology Supplements—1992**

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This NHIS includes data on health conditions, current health status, Survey design/purpose:

> and disabilities. The Drug and Alcohol supplement to the 1991 NHIS collected additional data to study relationships between drug use and the various indicators of the NHIS, including health status and health care utilization related to substance use and abuse.

Sample characteristics: The survey used the NHIS multistage probability design with

oversampling of Hispanics. The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) studied 12- to 21-year-old youth. Identification of out-ofschool youth was achieved by inquiring whether youth were now

going to school or on vacation from school.

The YRBS sample included 10,645 respondents, age 12-21. The Sample size: epidemiology supplement included 12,005 respondents.

Alcohol variables: Questions in the epidemiology supplement were repeated for beer,

wine, and liquor:

During the past year or so, how often did you drink

- On the days you drank _____, how many (cans/glasses/bottles) did you drink?
- Were they small, medium, or large?

YRBS alcohol questions include age at first drink, lifetime drinking, past 30 days drinking, binge drinking in past 30 days, frequency of riding with drinking driver in past 30 days, frequency of driving after drinking in the past 30 days.

Other variables:

The Epidemiology Supplement includes questions on immunization, acculturation, food frequency, vitamin and mineral intake, height and weight, food knowledge, cancer survivorship, smoking, occupational exposure, and family resources.

YRBS questions include seat belt and bike helmet use, physical fighting, use of weapons, tobacco use, other drug use, HIV knowledge, weight, diet, dieting history, exercise, and history of

runaway and sexual behaviors.

Limitations: The sample is limited to noninstitutionalized individuals living in households which might cause the exclusion of persons with serious

alcohol problems who are either in institutions or homeless. Hispanic questions were moved and are not comparable to 1991

data.

Title: National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), Drug and Alcohol

Use Supplement—1991

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Survey design/purpose: This NHIS includes data on health conditions, current health status,

and disabilities. The Drug and Alcohol supplement to the 1991 NHIS collected additional data to study relationships between drug use and the various indicators of the NHIS, including health status and health care utilization related to substance use and abuse

and health care utilization related to substance use and abuse.

Sample characteristics: The Drug and Alcohol supplement was a self-administered cross-sectional household interview survey of respondents aged 18-44 years using the NHIS multistage probability design that permits

continuous sampling throughout the year.

Sample size: The sample included 21,174 respondents, age 18-44, with a response rate of 76 percent. This sample is a subset of the NHIS special topic

questionnaire on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (HPDP).

Alcohol variables: Questions included lifetime and past 12 month quantity and

frequency of use for all beverages combined; largest number of drinks in a single day; and frequency of drinking at maximum

level.

Other variables: Drug questions include use of prescription medicine, sedatives,

tranquilizers, pain killers, inhalants, hallucinogens, heroin, marijuana, cocaine, and crack cocaine. Driving under the influence of drugs is included. Demographic and health variables (i.e., health status and limitations, acute and chronic conditions, and health care utilization) from the core NHIS can be linked to variables from the

supplement.

Limitations: Drinking status from the 1991 supplement is not comparable to

previous NHIS surveys. The sample is limited to non-

institutionalized individuals living in households which might cause the exclusion of persons with serious alcohol problems who are either in institutions or homeless. Non-response was highest among

young black males.

Title: National Health Interview Survey, Health Promotion and

Disease Prevention Supplement (NHIS-HPDP)—1985, 1990,

and 1991

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Survey design/purpose: The NHIS is a continuing effort to collect data on the health of U.S.

residents in the 50 States and the District of Columbia. In addition to the core questionnaire, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Supplement (HPDP) was used to collect data designed to assess progress toward the Year 2000 Health Objectives for the Nation. Many of the questions were directed towards knowledge of the risks and benefits of certain health practices. Questions were repetitions

of those asked in 1985, allowing for examination of trends.

Sample characteristics: This general household survey of the civilian noninstitutionalized

U.S. population employs a multistage probability design that permits continuous sampling throughout the year. One randomly selected individual, age 18 or older, in each selected household was

asked to respond to the HPDP supplement.

Sample size: The sample size for the HPDP supplement was 33,630 individuals in

1985, 41,104 individuals in 1990, and 43,732 in 1991.

Alcohol variables: Detailed information on quantity and frequency of alcohol

consumption; number of days consumed 5 or more/9 or more drinks per day; main reason for not drinking; driving when had too much to drink; knowledge of the risk of heavy alcohol drinking on certain health conditions, miscarriages, pregnancy outcome; and knowledge

of fetal alcohol syndrome.

Other variables: Sex, age, race, marital status, geographic region, education, income, employment status, acute illness, injuries, disability days associated

with acute and chronic conditions, prevalence of selected chronic conditions and impairments, limitation of activity, use of physicians, and hospital stays. The 1985 HPDP supplement also contains data on pregnancy and smoking, nutrition, seatbelt use, high blood pressure, stress, dental care, and occupational safety and health. The 1990 HPDP supplement also contains data on general health habits, mammography, injury control, child safety and health,

cardiovascular diseases, stress, exercise, smoking, and dental care.

Limitations: The sample includes only noninstitutionalized individuals living in households which might cause the exclusion of persons with serious

alcohol problems who are either in institutions or homeless.

Title: National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), Alcohol

Sections-1983 and 1988

Sponsoring agency: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, and National

Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), U.S. Department of Health

and Human Services

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Survey design/purpose: The 1983 and 1988 supplements follow the general scheme of all

NHIS yearly surveys. Data on health conditions, current health status, disabilities, and contacts with health practitioners are included. The 1983 supplement contains detailed, self-report information on alcohol consumption by beverage type (beer, wine, and liquor), past drinking practices, and a small set of questions on

problems related to drinking.

Sample characteristics: This NHIS sample randomly selected one person 18 years of age or

older in each household to respond to the alcohol section. Blacks

were oversampled in 1988.

Sample size: Alcohol data were collected on 22,418 respondents 1983 and 43,809 respondents in 1988. All respondents were age 18 years or older.

Questions in the 1988 Alcohol Supplement were asked of all

appropriate respondents regardless of current drinking status.

Alcohol variables: Detailed information on quantity and frequency of alcohol

consumption by beverage type; preferred beverage; number of days consumed 5 or more/9 or more drinks per day; reasons for not drinking/reducing consumption; presence of selected health conditions; self-defined, heavy, moderate and light drinking; social and behavioral consequences of alcohol consumption related to family/recreational, job/work, injury, and health. The 1988 instrument included an extensive checklist of social and behavioral consequences enabling DSM-III-R and ICD-10 definitions of alcohol

dependence and alcohol abuse for use in estimating the extent of

these diagnoses.

Other variables: Sex, age, race, marital status, geographic region, education, income,

employment status, acute illness, injuries, disability days associated with acute and chronic conditions, prevalence of selected chronic conditions and impairments, limitation of activity, use of physicians, and use of short-stay hospitals. Data on smoking were collected in

1983.

Limitations:

The sample includes only noninstitutionalized individuals living in households which might cause the exclusion of persons with serious alcohol problems who are either in institutions or homeless. New design features introduced in 1985 may limit comparability between 1983 and 1988 alcohol data.

Title: National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), Epidemiologic

Followup Study—1987

Sponsoring agency: National Cancer Institute and National Center for Health Statistics

(NCHS), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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Survey design/purpose: This survey has the same core variables as described earlier. In

addition, data on various cancer risk factors were collected. Within cancer risk factors, data on self-reported consumption of alcohol

were collected.

Sample characteristics: This general household survey of the civilian noninstitutionalized

U.S. population employs a multistage probability design permitting continuous sampling throughout the year. The sample of households interviewed each week is representative of the target population, and weekly samples are additive over time. There was

oversampling of adults in some Hispanic households.

Sample size: The 1987 Epidemiologic Study sample was 22,080 individuals 18

years of age or older.

Alcohol variables: As part of the section on food frequencies, alcohol questions in the

1987 NHIS include separate quantity-frequency (QF) items on beer, wine, and liquor. The beverage-specific items ask the number of times in the past year each beverage type was consumed, the number of drinks consumed when the respondent drank, and the portion size (small, medium or large) of the drink(s). The final two questions on alcohol ask if there was any period in which the respondent drank five or more drinks of alcoholic beverage almost

every day and how long the period lasted.

Other variables: All variables discussed within the core questionnaire are included.

Also, acculturation, food frequency consumption items (over 60 food categories, including alcohol), smoking habits, other tobacco use, reproduction and hormone use, family history of cancer, cancer survivorship, occupational exposures, and relationships and social

activities were collected.

Limitations: These data are cross-sectional which limits examination of cause

and effect in studying cancer risk factors. Recall is a major concern

in dietary questions.

Title: National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey

(NHAMCS)-1992-1997, annually

Sponsoring agency: National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), U.S. Department of

Health and Human Services

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nhamcs.htm

Survey design/purpose: The NHAMCS began in late 1991 to fill gaps in information about

utilization and provision of ambulatory health care services. Hospital emergency and outpatient visits represent a significant segment of the total ambulatory medical care services. The patient population is known to differ from that in an office care setting (those represented in the NAMCS) in demographic characteristics

and health care needs.

Sample characteristics: The NHAMCS is a national sample of visits to emergency and

outpatient departments of noninstitutional general and short-stay hospitals from the SMG Hospital Market Database. The survey uses a 4-stage probability design with samples of geographically defined areas, hospitals within those areas, clinics within hospitals, and patient visits within clinics. Patient record forms are completed for a systematic random sample of patient visits during a randomly

assigned 4-week period.

Sample size: In 1997, there were 94.9 million visits made to hospital emergency

departments in the United States. The survey included 22,209 patient record forms from 392 emergency departments in 1997. Outpatient data available for 1996 include 29,095 patient record

forms provided by 233 outpatient departments.

Alcohol variables: ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes are used to identify alcohol-related

morbidity. The emergency department questionnaire asks whether the problem is alcohol-related. The outpatient questionnaire asks $\frac{1}{2}$

whether alcohol abuse counseling was ordered or provided.

Other variables: Demographic and patient information includes: expected source of payment, major reason for visit, cause of injury, patient's complaint

and symptoms, physician's diagnosis, urgency of visit; services, procedures and medication ordered; referral status; and disposition

of visit.

Limitations: The sample unit is randomly assigned department visits and may reflect multiple visits by the same individual. Data on hospital

stays and physician office visits are not included in this survey.

Title: National Hospital Discharge Survey (NHDS)-1970-1996,

Annually

National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), U.S. Department of Sponsoring agency:

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Survey design/purpose: To estimate the national prevalence of morbidity from all diseases

and injuries and from combinations of different diseases and injuries, among discharges from nonfederal, short-stay hospitals

with six or more beds and an average length of stay under 30 days.

Sample characteristics: The survey is a continuous nationwide survey of inpatient

utilization of short-stay hospitals. Survey data are extracted from sampled medical records of participating hospitals. The redesigned (as of 1988) NHDS sample includes with certainly all hospitals with 1,000 or more beds or 40,000 or more discharges annually. The remaining sample of hospitals is based on a stratified three-stage design. The first stage consists of selection of 112 primary sampling units (PSUs) that comprise a probability subsample of PSUs used in the 1985-1994 National Health Interview Surveys. The second stage consists of selection of noncertainty hospitals from the sample PSUs. At the third stage, a sample of discharges was selected by a systematic random sampling technique. For 1996, the sample

consisted of 525 hospitals. Of these, 18 were found to be ineligible. Of the 507 eligible hospitals, 480 hospitals responded to the survey.

> In 1996, there were an estimated 30.5 million discharges of inpatients, excluding newborn infants from non-Federal, short-stay

hospitals in the United States.

Alcohol variables: Diagnostic codes include those for "alcohol-related" morbidity (e.g., alcoholic psychoses, alcohol dependence syndrome, cirrhosis of the

liver, and nondependent abuse of alcohol). ICD-9-CM codes are used.

Other variables: Demographic: Sex, age, race, marital status, and geographic region/division.

Hospital: Ownership type, and number of beds.

Medical: Length of hospital stay, disease/injury diagnoses (up to seven per record), procedures performed (up to four per record), and

discharge status (dead or alive).

Sample size:

Limitations:

The sampling unit is the hospital discharge or episode. An unknown portion of the discharges may reflect multiple hospitalizations of the same patients because there are no patient identifiers and, therefore, estimates of morbidity from this survey do not reflect the prevalence of morbidity in the population under study. Also, the survey does not reflect morbidity in VA hospitals, in hospitals providing long-term care, or among persons not hospitalized. A new sample design was implemented in 1988. Data from earlier time periods are not strictly comparable, and any trend analysis should be done with caution.

Title: National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (NHSDA)—1971,

1972, 1974-75, 1975-76, 1977, 1979, 1982, 1985, 1988, 1990-1997,

Annually

Sponsoring agency: Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration

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Survey design/purpose:

The primary objectives of the NHSDA are to measure prevalence, consequences and patterns of use; to determine attitudes and risk awareness concerning use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and other illicit drugs; and to determine nonmedical use of licit psychoactive drugs among U.S. civilian, non-institutionalized population, 12 years of age and older. Also includes data on use of selected substances in combination. Data were collected through personal interview with auxiliary self-administered answer sheets to maximize the validity of responses to sensitive questions. A new questionnaire design was introduced in 1994 to enhance the clarity of questions, improve the accuracy of responses, and increase the reliability of measurement of drug use across survey years.

Methodology:

The survey is a national probability sample of households in the coterminous United States. The survey target population includes civilian persons living in households, certain group quarters (e.g. college dormitories, homeless shelters, and on military installations. Military personnel on active duty and most transient populations, such as homeless people not residing in shelters, are not included. It should be noted that these groups may have drug use patterns different from the household population. Oversampling of groups varies by year. Current smoking status was first used in the selection process in 1993 to oversample smokers 18-34 years old.

Sample size:

Sample sizes vary for the different years—a total of 9,259 persons in 1990, 32,594 persons in 1991, 26,489 persons in 1993, 17,747 persons in 1995 and 24,505 persons in 1997. In all years, the sample includes household members aged 12 and older. Sampling weights are provided to permit estimation of national distributions.

Alcohol variables:

Detailed information on consumption (e.g., age at first use, most recent use, beverage type usually consumed, number of days in past month on which respondent drank, number of drinks on days when respondent drank, number of days had 5 or more drinks, etc.), DSM-III-type items providing indications of alcohol problems, and ever receiving treatment for drinking. Attitudes regarding drug use, drug laws and penalties; beliefs concerning risk of various levels of use; and prevalence of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use. Also includes data on use of selected drugs in combination; symptoms of dependence; general physical conditions and symptoms; and utilization of substance abuse treatment.

Other variables:

Demographic: age, sex, race, region of the country, neighborhood type, education, occupation, family income, marital status, and number and ages of children, etc.

Limitations:

As noted above, this survey excludes persons living in group quarters or institutions and persons who are transient or homeless. Also, alcohol use data cannot be expressed in standard quantity/frequency units suitable for classifying users by level of alcohol consumption.

Title: National Longitudinal Alcohol Epidemiologic Survey

(NLAES)—1992

Sponsoring agency: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), U.S.

Department of Health & Human Services. (Fieldwork conducted by

the Bureau of the Census)

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Survey design/purpose: NLAES is a multipurpose survey designed to collect longitudinal

data on the incidence and prevalence of alcohol abuse and dependence and associated disabilities. Abuse and dependence are defined using DSM-IV criteria. Data collected include detailed measures of alcohol consumption and patterns of use; consequences of alcohol use; other drug use and associated disorders; other psychiatric disorders; other medical problems; detailed income from a variety of different sources for use in assessing the economic impact of alcohol disorders; treatment utilization; and awareness of alcohol warning labels. Data collection began in 1991 for the 1992

wave survey. Two follow-up waves are planned.

Methodology: A multistage stratified sample design was used with a target

population of civilian, noninstitutional adults, 18 years and older, in the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia. Military personnel living off base were included. Sample design uses National Health Interview Survey methodology, including oversampling criteria, and may be stratified within four geographic regions (NE, MW, S, W). Direct face-to-face interviews were conducted by the Bureau of the Census. The household response

rate was 91.9 percent.

Sample size: The 1992 survey collected data from 42,862 adults aged 18 years

and older from a random sample of households in the U.S. Approximately 2,000 stratified primary sampling units were included for the 1992 sample. Blacks and young adults are over

sampled.

Alcohol variables: Alcohol variables include use of alcohol and other drugs (illicit and

prescription), specific abuse and dependence, family history of alcoholism, alcohol-related medical conditions, and treatment

utilization.

Other variables: Drug information is similar to alcohol variables. Socioeconomic data

includes age, race, marital status, industry and occupation, and

income.

Limitations: The complex sample design requires the use of SUDAAN or other

special software to account for design effects in variance calculation. The use of the NLAES to examine incidence of alcohol use and associated disorders depends upon completion of followup waves of

data collection, which have not yet been funded.

Title: National Longitudinal Study on Adolescent Health—Wave I

(1994) and Wave II (1995)

Sponsoring agency: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and 17

other Federal Agencies

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Survey design/purpose: The survey was designed to examine health-related behavior of

adolescents in grades 7 through 12. The focus of the survey is on examining causes of behavior and the influence of social context. Three stages of data collection were conducted. Wave I and II have

been publicly released.

Methodology: In the in-school phase (Fall 1994), questionnaires were administered

to students in high schools and associated middle schools identified through a stratified random sample of all high schools in the country. School administrators at each school completed a questionnaire on school characteristics and policies. In the in-home phases (Wave I, Summer and Fall 1995), interviews were conducted. with a stratified sample of students enrolled in participating schools (core sample) and with selected oversamples of students. A separate interview was conducted with a parent of each adolescent in Wave I. Information about community and neighborhood characteristics was independently compiled and linked to the individual data. The inhome sample design includes a genetic sample, a saturation sample of all adolescents attending selected high schools, and oversamples of Chinese, Cuban, and Puerto Rican students, students from high-

education black families, and disabled students.

Sample size: Approximately 90,000 respondents in the first phase; 20,745 in the

second phase; and 14,800 in Phase III.

Alcohol variables: The in-home survey includes questions on alcohol consumption;

binge drinking; perceived consequences of alcohol use; substance abuse in relation to driving, violence, and sexual behavior; and

access to substances in the home.

Other variables: The in-school survey asks questions about risk behaviors,

expectations for the future, self-esteem, peer networks, and health status. The in-home survey includes questions on criminal activities

and decisionmaking processes.

Limitations: The survey includes students enrolled in school only. High-risk

youth such as drop-outs are not included in the results.

Title: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (NLSY)—1979-1997

Sponsoring agency: U.S. Department of Labor, National Opinion Research Center, and

Center for Human Resource Research (CHRR)

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Survey design/purpose: This annual survey of American youth began in 1979 to help

evaluate the expanded employment and training programs for youth legislated by the 1977 amendments to the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA). It has expanded to examine a variety of policy issues. The survey's new aim is to obtain

a variety of policy issues. The survey's new aim is to obtain information on youth in the labor force and factors potentially impacting on a young person's labor force attachment (i.e. employment-earnings, transition from school to work, training

programs and training in the workplace, family/workplace relationship, geographic mobility, juvenile delinquency, and criminal

behavior.

Sample characteristics: The NLSY is a multistage, stratified area probability sample

designed to be representative of the noninstitutionalized civilian segment of American youth aged 14 to 21 as of January 1, 1979. Supplemental samples oversampled civilian Hispanic, black, and economically disadvantaged white youth. Another supplemental sample represented the military population aged 17 to 21. Annual personal interviews are conducted (except in 1987, which was conducted by phone). Followups of these cohorts are conducted yearly. The 1997 data collection included a parent survey and a

youth survey.

Sample size: A total of 12,686 young persons were sampled in 1979. This

includes 11,406 civilian and 1,280 military youth. Hispanic, economically disadvantaged, and youth in the military were oversampled. Both military and economically disadvantaged oversamples have been discontinued. The 1997 survey included approximately 10,000 respondents who were ages 12–16 on

December 31, 1996.

Alcohol variables: Alcohol items have been asked in the 1982-85, 1988-90, 1992 and

1994 surveys. These items include development of drinking patterns, consumption of various alcoholic beverages, impact of alcohol use on school work and/or job behavior, frequency of going to bars, and trying to cut down on drinking. The 1988 survey included questions on relatives of the respondent who have been alcoholics or

problem drinkers.

Other variables:

Demographic variables and variables concerning marital history, schooling, current labor force status, jobs and employer information, training, work experience and attitudes, military service, health limitations, fertility, income and assets, job search methods, migration, attitudes towards work, educational and occupational aspirations and expectations, self-esteem, child care, pre- and post-natal health behaviors, delinquency, time use, AIDS knowledge, and drug use.

Limitations:

Adjustments must be made for those lost to followup (i.e., out of scope, institutionalized, dead, outside of U.S.).

Title: National Maternal and Infant Health Survey

(NMIHS)—1988 and Longitudinal Followup of NMIHS—1991

Sponsoring agency: National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), U.S. Department of

Health and Human Services

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Survey design/purpose: The 1988 NMIHS is a mailed followback survey of mothers, their

prenatal care providers, and their hospital of delivery identified from certificates of live birth, reports of fetal death and certificates of infant death that occurred in 1988. The main purpose of this survey is to study factors related to poor pregnancy outcomes. Prenatal care is a major focus of the survey. The Longitudinal Followup involved recontacting mothers and the child's medical care providers of the children from the live birth cohort who reach two

years of age.

Sample characteristics: A nationally representative sample of live births, fetal deaths and

infant deaths in the United States during 1988.

Sample size: The sample consisted of married and unmarried mothers who had

9,953 live births, 3,309 women who had a late fetal death, and 5,332 women who had an infant death in 1988. The longitudinal followup includes data from 9,400 mothers in the live birth cohort, 1,000 women in the infant death cohort, and 1,000 women in the fetal

death cohort.

Alcohol variables: Alcohol variables include alcoholic beverage consumption during 12

months before delivery, frequency and amount consumed before and during pregnancy, change and reasons for change of drinking patterns during pregnancy, and offers/referrals to alcohol abuse

programs or counseling.

Other variables: Demographic characteristics, smoking (including passive smoking),

marijuana use, prenatal and postnatal care, WIC use patterns, charges for care, maternal and infant diagnoses and procedures, and

infant hospitalization.

Limitations: Recall bias might have occurred in assessing exposure status

especially in the case of alcohol and substance abuse. Blacks, low birthweight, and very low birthweight infants were oversampled.

Title: National Natality Survey (NNS)-1980

Sponsoring agency: National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), U.S. Department of

Health and Human Services

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Survey design/purpose: The 1980 NNS is a mailed followback survey of mothers, hospitals

and other medical sources identified on birth certificates in 1980. Information is abstracted from birth certificates, questionnaires mailed to married mothers only, and questionnaires mailed to medical service providers as appropriate (attendants at delivery,

hospitals, radiologic services)

Sample characteristics: A nationwide sample of all live births which occurred during 1980 in

the United States with oversampling of low birthweight infants.

Sample size: It is a sample of 9,941 live births.

Alcohol variables: The variables that describe alcohol consumption during pregnancy

are limited to the 4,405 married mothers who completed the mailed questionnaire. These are: alcoholic beverage consumption during 12 months before delivery, quantity and frequency before pregnancy and during pregnancy, as well as the kinds of alcoholic beverages

consumed.

Other variables: Demographics, health status, health practices, health resource

utilization, and infant status variables. Also, included are pregnancy

outcome variables such as birthweight, Apgar score, and

complications. Data on smoking during the prenatal periods is limited to married mothers who completed the questionnaire.

Limitations: Levels of reported alcohol consumption are low, thus limiting

possibilities for analysis of moderate and heavy drinkers.

Title: National Mortality Followback Survey (NMFS) —1986 and

1993

Sponsoring agency: National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), U.S. Department of

Health and Human Services

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Survey design/purpose: The main objectives are to: (1) determine socioeconomic differentials

in mortality, (2) examine potential for prevention of premature death by studying the association between risk factors and cause of death, (3) ascertain information on health care utilization in the last year of life, and (4) estimate the reliability of death certificate information. The survey gathers information from next of kin and administrative records to supplement death certificate data on a

sample of annual U.S. resident deaths.

Sample characteristics: The NMFS is national sample of approximately 1 percent of U.S.

resident deaths. Information was obtained by mail questionnaire, telephone or personal interview of the next-of-kin of the decedent or others familiar with the decedent's lifestyle, care in the last year of life, and the antecedents of and circumstances surrounding the death. A facility survey was also compiled if the informant

authorized contact with the facility.

Sample size: The 1986 sample included 18,733 decedents aged 25 years or over.

Approximately 23,000 decedents, aged 15 years and over, were sampled in 1993. Blacks, selected causes of death among certain age groups (e.g., alcohol, suicide, homicide, motor vehicle, other injury deaths, and HIV), as well as centenarians were oversampled. Forty-nine states plus the District of Columbia and New York City granted approval to sample death certificates. South Dakota did not

participate.

Alcohol variables: Alcohol questions include information on frequency and quantity of

drinking in the year before death and in earlier years. ICD-9 cause of death codes are available, allowing for examination of deaths determined to be alcohol-related according to cause. Questions on

drinking and driving are included.

Other variables: Demographic: age, sex, race, education, and marital status.

Variables describing smoking history also are included.

Limitations: All information other than from the death certificate and hospital

records is reported by a proxy respondent.

Title: National Survey of Personal Health Practices and Consequences, Wave I—1979 and Wave II—1980

Sponsoring agency: National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), U.S. Department of

Health and Human Services (DHHS)

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Survey design/purpose: The survey was designed to measure the extent and distribution in

the population of positive health practices and their relation to morbidity and mortality. It was conducted by NCHS as part of information collection for the prevention initiative of DHHS.

Sample characteristics: The survey used a national probability sample using random-digit

dialing techniques. Noninstitutionalized civilian persons, aged 20-64 years in the conterminous United States were interviewed in two

waves.

Sample size: Numbers for Waves I and II are listed below. Wave II was a

followup to Wave I with 81 percent of the sample surveyed on

followup.

Wave I (1979) 3,025 Wave II (1980) 2,453

Alcohol variables: Current drinking and drinking history as follows:

Do you ever drink alcoholic beverages?

Did you drink 2 years ago?

Have you changed your drinking pattern because of health-related

problems or conditions?

On the average, how often do you drink?

On the days you drink, how many drinks do you have per day, on

the average?

Have you changed your drinking pattern during the last two years

because of a specific health-related problem or condition?

Do you drink more or less than you did two years ago?

Other variables: Data are included on diet and exercise; sleeping; smoking; weight

status; dental hygiene; seat belt use; changes in preventive health behavior due to illness; perceived health status and energy level; concern about health and capability of taking care of one's own health; use of preventive health services; use of medical and hospital care; behavior with respect to high blood pressure; disability status; frequency of colds and headaches; limitations on usual activities because of health; family longevity; work status and conditions (i.e., hazards, stress, physical demands, and sick leave); socialization; free time; relations with friends and relatives; psychological well-being;

stressful life events; and sociodemographic information.

Title: National Treatment Improvement Evaluation Study

(NTIES)—1990-91

Sponsoring agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

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Survey design/purpose: The NTIES was designed to help determine the status of drug

treatment in the United States by assessing the impact of treatment

program enhancements funded in 1990 and 1991.

Methodology: All service delivery units (SDU's) that received funding from the

Office of Treatment Improvement (now CSAT) during the study period provided information on services, funding, and staffing twice during the field period. The SDU data were collected via paper and pencil. Nearly 6,600 patients were selected from participating SDUs for three interviews: (1) on intake to treatment; (2) on exit from treatment; and (3) one year post-treatment. Selection criteria included treatment modality, OTI Demonstration Program, and geographic distribution. Patient data were collected in CAPI format.

geographic distribution. Patient data were collected in CAPI format.

Sample size: Over 300 programs participated in the facility survey: 4,400 patients

from 65 SDU's completed the patient survey.

Alcohol variables: Alcohol use treatment history, reasons for going to treatment,

perceived treatment barriers, drug use, drug spending, and needle

use are collected.

Other variables: Reason(s) for being incarcerated, education, living arrangements,

and criminal justice involvement.

Limitations: Overall results are not generizable to the entire publicly funded

treatment sectors as only OTI grants were studied. This study is not

based on a national probability sample of treatment units.

Title: | Services Research Outcomes Study (SROS)—1995-1996

Sponsoring agency: | Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration,

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Survey design/purpose: The SROS was a five-year post-discharge follow-up of a sample of

3,047 drug clients who were treated between September 1, 1989 and August 31, 1990. The study was based on a national probability sample of treatment programs and clients. Client behavior was compared in the five years before treatment with the five years after

treatment.

Methodology: The 3,047 patients were selected from the stratified probability

sample of 120 treatment programs that participated in Phase II of the Drug Services Research Study (DSRS). Five years after discharge 99 participating programs remained in the SROS. Roughly 5 years after discharge, field interviews were completed with 1,799 (59 percent) of the patient sample. An additional 273 (9 percent) of the sampled patients were deceased. Interviews were supplemented by a urine drug test for willing participants; about 80

percent of those interviewed agreed to the urine testing.

Sample size: 1,799 patients of the identified 3,047 persons discharged from

substance abuse treatment programs were interviewed.

Alcohol variables: Alcohol use before the 1989-90 treatment episode and five years

post-treatment is recorded.

Other variables: Information on ethnicity, education, child custody history, criminal

behavior, employment, general health status and living

arrangements are collected on clients. Facility data includes type

and cost of treatment services.

Limitations: Almost one-half of the 1990 sample was unable to respond to the

SROS due to death, refusal or inability to locate.

Title: Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS)

Sponsoring agency: Office of Applied Studies, Substance Abuse and Mental Health

Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human

Services

Contact: Office of Applied Studies

SAMHSA

5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD 20857 (301) 443-0525

http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/SAMHDA/teds.html

Survey design/purpose: The TEDS is a minimum data set of information about individuals

admitted to treatment, primarily by providers receiving public funding. The TEDS data system provides descriptive information about the national flow of admissions to specialty providers of

substance abuse treatment annually.

Methodology: Data on the number and characteristics of persons admitted to

public and private nonprofit substance abuse treatment programs in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The unit of analysis is treatment admissions to treatment units receiving public funding. TEDS includes a required Minimum Data Set and an

optional Supplemental Data Set.

Sample size: The TEDS universe is all substance abuse treatment facilities that

receive funding from State substance abuse agencies. Patient level data are collected on approximately 1.5 million admissions per year,

from 1992 to the present.

Alcohol variables: Patient alcohol and drug use history is collected along with clinical

and treatment data.

Other variables: Patient demographics.

Limitations: Some treatment units may be excluded, including privately funded

units and some mental health facilities. Treatment provided in

doctors' offices and other settings are also not included.

Title: Uniform Facility Data Set (UFDS), formerly known as the

National Drug and Alcoholism Treatment Unit Survey (NDATUS)—1974, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1987, 1989-1996,

Annually

Sponsoring agency: SAMHSA, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Contact: Office of Applied Studies

SAMHSA

5600 Fishers Lane, Room 16C-06

Rockville, MD 20857 (301) 443-7980

http://www.samhsa.gov/oas/p0000048.htm

Survey design/purpose: NDATUS is a point prevalence census that monitors the scope of

specialty treatment activities in units providing alcohol/drug abuse treatment and/or prevention services. State and Federal governments assist in the identification of facilities and in the collection and verification of the data. Data include unit orientation, types of services offered, capacity and utilization on the point prevalence date of October 30, and funding source and fees

charged. In addition to analytic reports, the data are used to develop a comprehensive directory of treatment programs.

Methodology: This survey is a census in that it attempts to collect data from all

known specialty treatment facilities, both public and private, in the United States, identified on the National Facility Register (NFR).

Sample size: The number of units providing data to NDATUS has varied

depending in part on the level of effort of the States and the sponsoring agencies in identifying facilities. Approximately 11,300 providers identified by the NFR participate in NDATUS. A total of

944,000 treatment clients were reported in 1994.

Alcohol variables: Data are collected in three categories: drug, alcohol, and combined

services. This is a survey of facilities rather than patients so alcohol and/or drug questions *per se* are not asked. Data are collected on aggregate client characteristics, treatment modality, treatment

organization, treatment status, and payment source.

Other variables: Other variables include unit identification—location, type of

environment, ownership, types of programs and drug/alcohol services provided, funding levels and sources, fees charged, hours of operation, and treatment capacity and utilization on the point prevalence date of October 30 according to age, race/ethnicity, and

sex by type of care by modality.

Information concerning HIV testing and whether (female) client is

pregnant have been added.

Limitations:

Reliability of information on funding varies. Coverage of private, for-profit facilities may be deficient because there is no disincentive for non-response, although participation in the survey means a program will be listed in a national directory. Data collected on the point prevalence date of October 30 may not be representative of the facility for the entire year. Changes in the survey over time limit comparisons prior to 1991.

Note: NDATUS will be continued as the Uniform Facility Data Set (UFDS) of the Drug & Alcohol Services Information System (DASIS). DASIS includes the National Facility Register (NFR) and the Treatment Episode Data Set (TEPS), in addition to the UFDS.

Title: Vital Statistics Mortality Data, Mortality Detail—1968-96

Multiple Cause of Death—1968-96, Annually

Sponsoring agency: National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), U.S. Department of

Health and Human Services

Contact: Data Dissemination Branch, NCHS

6525 Belcrest Road Hyattsville, MD 20782 (301) 436-8500

http://www.cdc.gov/nchswww/products/catalogs/subject/mortmcd/

mortmcd.htm

Survey design/purpose: To summarize data (e.g., demographic, cause of death, autopsy,

etc.) from death certificates of all deaths occurring each year in the United States. Mortality Detail records only the underlying cause of death, while Multiple Cause (MCD) records the underlying cause and up to 20 contributing causes. Data present characteristics of those dying in the United States and provide mortality trend data comparable with other countries as well as

health-related data for small geographic areas in the U.S.

Sample characteristics: Death certificates of 100 percent of deaths occurring in the United

States each year.

Sample size: This is not a sample, but a total universe of all U.S. deaths. The

number of deaths vary from year to year. There have been

approximately 2.3 million deaths annually.

Alcohol variables: There are specific disease categories under the ICD diagnostic

codes which are generally believed to be alcohol related (e.g., alcohol psychosis, alcohol dependence syndrome, and liver cirrhosis). These may be listed for specific records as underlying cause of death or as contributing cause of death (MCD only). In addition, research literature shows that other causes of death result from alcohol abuse in different proportions of cases (e.g. suicide, homicide, motor vehicle crashes). Using estimates of alcoholic contribution to various causes of death, estimates of

overall alcohol-related mortality can be derived.

Other variables: Demographic characteristics (sex, age, and race), direct underlying cause of death, contributing cause(s) of death (MCD only), autopsy

findings, residence, place of occurrence, date of death, and others.

Limitations: Although alcohol may be a contributing cause in many deaths, it may not be mentioned on the death certificate because of the

stigma of alcoholism and alcohol problems. Also, there is no mechanism for explicit coding of alcohol's contribution to an individual death. Consequently, alcohol-related deaths may be

underestimated.

Section 2: Special Population Data Sets

Title: (Washington) DC Metropolitan Area Drug Study

(DC*MADS)—1992

Sponsoring agency: National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health

Contact: Elizabeth Y. Lambert, Health Statistician

Community Research Branch

Division of Epidemiology and Prevention Research

National Institute on Drug Abuse 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 9A-42

Rockville, MD 20857 (301) 443-6720

http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/SAMHDA/dcmads.html

Survey design/purpose: DC*MADS was undertaken to assess the full extent of the drug

problem in one metropolitan area. The study was comprised of 16 separate studies that focused on different sub-groups, many of which are typically not included or are underrepresented in household surveys. This data collection includes three component studies: the study of household and non-household populations, the Homeless and Transient Population Study; and Drug Use Among Women

Delivery Livebirths in D.C. Hospitals.

Sample characteristics: The household sample was drawn from the 1991 NHSDA. The non-

household sample was drawn from the DC*MADS Institutionalized, Homeless, and Transient population studies of "literally homeless" or "at risk of being homeless" persons in shelters, on the street, or using a soup kitchen. Both populations include age 12 and older. Women giving birth in D.C. hospitals comprised the final survey

group.

Alcohol Variables: Data collection includes alcohol and other drug use among

household and non-household populations aged 12 and older. The homeless/transient data include alcohol use, treatment history, and illicit activities. Delivering women reported current use and patterns of use, previous experience with drug use and perceptions of risk

and consequences of use.

Other variables: Demographic information, other drug use, physical and mental

health, pregnancy, insurance, employment and finances are also reported. Pregnancy history, and maternal/infant characteristics and

outcomes are collected in the Livebirth Study.

Limitations: Data are based on self-reports. Underreporting, misreporting and

distortion by respondents are possible. Estimates apply to one local area and are limited to one (1991-92) data collection period.

Title: Evaluation of the Health Care Financing Administration's

Alcoholism Service Demonstration: The Medicare

Experience

Sponsoring agency: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) and

Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), U.S. Department of

Health and Human Services

Contact: Division of Biometry and Epidemiology

NIAAA

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Rockville, MD 20892

(301) 443-3306

Survey design/purpose: A longitudinal survey of selected States and direct service

alcoholism treatment providers to evaluate a demonstration which entailed the waiver of Medicare statutory provisions to permit the reimbursement of alcohol treatment services provided by community-based organizations. These organizations were not

financially associated with a hospital and did not include the clinical

oversight of a physician.

Sample characteristics: The survey involved direct service providers under the

administrative monitoring of State Alcoholism Authorities which served as umbrella recipients of grants from HCFA. The

demonstration period was from July 1982 to December 1985, with the ending date varying by States. Providers averaged two and one

quarter years of active participation in the demonstration.

Sample size: Participants included 101 providers from six States. These included:

<u>State</u>	Number of Providers
Michigan	24
New Jersey	23
Oklahoma	17
Illinois	15
New York	14
Connecticut	12

Alcohol variables: Data on alcoholism services provided include:

Average reimbursement rate per unit of service among providers Volumes and types of services for which claims were reimbursed

Units of service used per client

Mix of modalities utilized

Dollar value of reimbursements made

Other variables: Provider data include setting, size, ownership, and staffing. Client

data include demographic information and initial diagnosis.

Limitations: The data are secondary in nature, primarily gathered for

administrative purposes. Detail about services provided, treatments, costs, clients, and providers is therefore limited. Client diagnosis at intake is recorded, but subsequent changes in diagnosis throughout treatment will not be reflected. Data on time of treatment are extracted from bills and do not accurately measure

client utilization. Cost data also are affected by this problem.

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Title: Hispanic Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

(HHANES)—1982-84

Sponsoring agency: National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), U.S. Department of

Health and Human Services

Contact: Data Dissemination Branch

NCHS

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http://www.cdc.gov/nchswww/products/catalogs/subject/hhanes/

hhanes.htm

Survey design/purpose: The HHANES was the first special population survey to be conducted

by NCHS in the HANES series. As part of the HANES series, the purpose of the HHANES was to determine the prevalence of undiagnosed and nonmanifest disease among Hispanic Americans, specifically Mexican Americans, Cuban Americans, and Puerto Ricans.

Methodology: Data were collected in selected areas of California, Texas, Colorado,

New Mexico, and Arizona (Mexican Americans); Dade County, Florida (Cuban Americans); and the New York City area (Puerto Ricans). Household interviews and physical examinations provided data from sample persons on their medical history and specific conditions, including diabetes, hearing, immunization, tuberculosis, vision, kidney diseases, liver diseases, alcohol consumption, drug abuse, depression, diet, body size and composition, coronary heart disease, hypertension, and other nutrition-related conditions. Data were weighted to

produce prevalence estimates for the targeted populations.

Sample size: 4,895 Mexican Americans; 1,115 Cuban Americans; and 1,975

Puerto Ricans. When weighted, the sample represents

approximately 10 million Hispanic Americans.

Alcohol variables: Alcohol questions appear in three different sections of the survey:

(1) the Adult Sample Person Supplement; (2) Food Frequency; and

(3) the 24-Hour Dietary Recall. The Adult Sample Person Supplement is the main alcohol component of the HHANES and consists of over 70 questions on the quantity and frequency of consumption of beer, wine, and spirits; reasons for not drinking; and lifetime drinking patterns. The Food Frequency section asks for the number of times sample persons consumed beer, wine, and liquor in the three months prior to the interview. The 24-Hour Dietary

sample person in the 24-hours prior to the interview.

Other variables: Other key variables included in the HHANES are age (12-74 years),

sex, income, marital status, education, and information on the presence of various health conditions and the use of drugs other

Recall section asks for the amount of alcohol consumed by the

than alcohol.

Limitations: The number of respondents for the Puerto Rican and, the Cuban

American samples fell below original goals. Consequently, there are insufficient cell sizes for some detailed analyses. The HHANES is

 $not\ a\ nationally\ representative\ survey.$

Title:

Japanese/American Survey

Sponsoring agency:

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism—United States, National Institute on Alcoholism—Japan

Survey design/purpose:

An epidemiological study of Japanese, Americans of Japanese ancestry, and Caucasians living in the United States comparing U.S. and Japanese alcohol consumption patterns, alcohol-related problems, and the attitudes and cultural determinants of alcoholism. This joint study resulted in descriptive baseline analyses of crosscultural similarities and differences regarding alcohol use, it also tested hypotheses that: (1) Japanese populations that migrated to the United States became acculturated to the alcohol consumption and drinking patterns in the U.S.; and (2) an inverse relationship exists between the "flushing reaction" among Japanese populations and the extent of alcohol consumption and concomitant alcohol-related problems.

Methodology:

The sample included Japanese living in Japan, Japanese Americans in Oahu, Hawaii and Santa Clara County, California and Caucasians living in Santa Clara County. Comparisons were also made to data from the 1984 Household Interview Survey by the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley, California. The survey plan was to include an equal number of males and females 18 years of age and older. Age was stratified by 5 year intervals, except for those subjects less than 20 years old, and greater than 70 years of age, which were pooled.

Sample size:

Japan: Four areas of Japan were selected as sites for the survey. A total of 1,225 interviews consisting of 579 males and 646 females were completed in December 1984.

United States:

- Oahu, Hawaii: 514 people of Japanese ancestry (271 males, 243 females).
- Santa Clara County, California: 516 Americans of Japanese ancestry (302 males, 214 females).
- Santa Clara County, California: 526 Caucasians (199 males, 327 females).

Alcohol variables:

Questions on alcohol behaviors included current alcohol use, exdrinkers, frequency of alcohol consumption among current drinkers, amount of alcohol consumption, types of beverages consumed, norms of alcohol use, reasons for drinking, reasons for not drinking (or caution about drinking), drinking problems, flushing reaction, cultural beliefs about alcohol use and alcoholism, attitudes about alcoholism and treatment, and attitudes about drinking and drunkenness.

Other variables:

Demographics

Title: | Monitoring the Future Study—1975-97, Annually

Sponsoring agency: National Institute on Drug Abuse, U.S. Department of Health and

Human Services, and Institute for Social Research, University of

Michigan

Contact: Andrea Kopstein, Statistician

Division of Epidemiology & Prevention Research

NIDA

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http://www.isr.umich.edu/src/mtf

Survey design/purpose: The major purpose of this surv

The major purpose of this survey is the determination of the prevalence of current drug (including alcohol) use and trends in use among young people. Data on high school seniors have been collected since the survey began in 1975 and was expanded to include college students and young adults. Eighth and tenth grade students were added in 1991. The survey also collects information which may help to explain the changes and trends in drug use, (i.e., peer norms regarding drug use, beliefs and attitudes about the dangers of drug use, and perceived availability of drugs) and risk factor identification (i.e., lifestyles and values, social environment

and maturational factors).

Methodology: Each spring, questionnaires are given to 8th, 10th and 12th graders

in public and private schools nationwide. The samples are drawn with a multi-stage random sampling procedure from the coterminous United States. The survey is administered with 6 different questionnaires to 6 equal sized subsamples to enable a wide coverage of questions. About one-third of each questionnaire consists of core questions that are included in all 6 versions. Demographic and most of the drug variables are included in these core questions. The follow-up questionnaires to college students and young adults that participated in earlier years of the survey are

sent through the mail.

Sample size: Approximately 50,000 eighth, tenth and twelfth grade students are

surveyed each year. In 1996, 18,368 8th-grade students and 15,873 10th-grade students were surveyed; 2,400 members of previous

participating graduating classes were surveyed by mail.

Alcohol variables: Prevalence (e.g., lifetime, past year, and past 30 day use) and trend

data for alcohol and other drugs (marijuana, inhalants,

hallucinogens, cocaine, heroin, other opiates, stimulants, sedatives, tranquilizers, cigarettes, and steroids). Data are also collected on respondents' attitudes and beliefs regarding alcohol and other drug use, perceived harm, perceived availability and social disapproval

variables.

Other variables: Demographic data include sex, age, region, population density,

parental education. and other demographic and social network

variables.

Limitations:

A major limitation of these data is that they do not include information on high school dropouts, but the investigators do not believe that this limitation has a major effect on changes in trends. Since the survey only encompasses the coterminous United States, data on high school seniors in Hawaii and Alaska are not available. Also, race/ethnicity is not recorded.

Title: National Adolescent Student Health Survey

Sponsoring agency: American School Health Association, Association for the

Advancement of Health Education, Society for Public Health Education, Inc. (A cooperative project of U.S. Department of Health

and Human Services, Public Health Service, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention, and the National Institute on Drug Abuse)

Contact: American School Health Association

7263 State Route 43

POB 708

Kent, OH 44240 (216) 678-1601

Survey design/purpose: This survey was designed to assess students' health-related

knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors in eight areas of critical

importance to the health of youth.

Sample characteristics: A national stratified sample of eighth and tenth graders was

selected in 1987, with data gathering completed in early 1988. Sample weights are provided for generating national estimates.

Sample size: Three data collection instruments (forms) were administered to a

total of 11,419 eighth and tenth graders. Each form contained a common set of core questions as well as more detailed topical questions, and was answered by about a third of the respondents. Form 2, which contains an additional alcohol question, was

administered to 3,789 respondents.

Alcohol variables: Core questions, asked in each form, include the following alcohol

items: lifetime, past year, and past month consumption of alcohol.

In the Drugs section of Form 2, the following alcohol item was included: past 2 weeks' consumption of 5 or more drinks per

occasion.

Other variables: Demographic variables and variables concerning injury prevention,

suicide, AIDS, sexually transmitted disease, violence, tobacco, drug

use, nutrition, and consumer skills.

Limitations: Adjustments must be made for those who were absent on the day

the interviews were administered

Title: National Youth Survey (NYS)

Sponsoring agency: National Institute of Mental Health

Contact: James Breiling, Ph.D.

Division of Epidemiology and Services Research

National Institute of Mental Health 5600 Fishers Lane, Rm 10C-24

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http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/SAMHDA/nys.html

Survey design/purpose: NYS was designed to gain a better understanding of both

conventional and deviant types of behavior by youths and involved collecting information from a representative sample of young people in the United States. This longitudinal study of American male and female youth explores variations in the onset, prevalence, incidence, and course of delinquency, substance abuse, criminal behavior, family violence and mental health. Data collected contains seven waves, conducted in 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1983 and 1987.

Methodology: The study uses a prospective, longitudinal, multiple cohort design

with a nationally representative sample of American males and females ages 11-17 in 1976. Respondents are followed through 1994. Face-to-face, confidential, structured interviews are the primary source of data. Juvenile and adult arrest records are also

reported.

Sample size: The 1976 sample included 1,725 male and female youth. The loss

rate for nonparticipants by age, sex, and race was proportional to

their representation in the general population.

Alcohol variables: Personal use of alcohol and other drugs is self-reported. Attitudes

toward deviance and delinquent behavior are also recorded.

Other variables: Sociodemographic and socioeconomic variables are included along

with measures of delinquency, sex offending, depression, family violence, parental discipline, community involvement, exposure to delinquent peers, sexual activity, pregnancy, abortion, use of mental

health and outpatient services, and neighborhood problems.

Limitations: Limitations are inherent in self-report interviews. Sizes of

subsamples may be too small for strong comparisons.

Title: Survey of Inmates of Local Jails—1978, 1983, 1989, and 1996

Sponsoring agency: | Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), U.S. Department of Justice

Contact: BJS Clearinghouse

Box 6000

Rockville, MD 20850 (800) 732-3277

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/correct.htm#Programs

Survey design/purpose: These surveys are conducted by the Bureau of the Census for the

Department of Justice. They were designed to obtain information on the characteristics of inmates in local jails. These include personal and family characteristics, past alcohol and drug use, history of physical and sexual abuse, reason for incarceration, length of sentences, and behavioral attributes. The survey is produced

every 5 to 6 years.

Sample characteristics: These are periodic surveys that rely on personal interviews with a

nationally representative sample of inmates in local jails using a stratified two-stage selection. There are a few drinking questions, such as alcohol use at the time of offense for which the person was incarcerated. The 1996 sample was selected from 3,328 jails

enumerated in the 1883 National Jail Census.

Sample size: For the 1996 survey approximately 6,133 inmates from 431 local

jails were surveyed.

Alcohol variables: Relationships can be developed in regard to alcohol use at the time

of commission of crimes, prior alcohol use by inmates, treatment for alcohol or drug problems, parental abuse of alcohol, onset of use,

and indicators for severity or alcohol or drug problems.

Other variables: *Demographics:* sex, ethnicity, date of birth, marital status,

education, language background, and other socioeconomic

characteristics.

Criminality: criminal history, current offense, sentence length, drug use related to offense, and income history prior to incarceration.

Health: drug history, drug treatment in jail, health care in jail, and

current health problems.

Limitations: Information pertaining to the key alcohol-related questions is

obtained via self-report. Therefore, this information may underestimate the actual prevalence or use of the actual degree to which the inmate was intoxicated at the time the offense was

committed.

Title: Survey of Inmates of State and Federal Correctional

Facilities-1974, 1979, 1986, 1991

Sponsoring agency: Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), U.S. Department of Justice

Contact: BJS Clearinghouse

Box 6000

Rockville, MD 20850 (800) 732-3277

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/correct.htm#Programs

Survey design/purpose: The survey provides information on individual characteristics of

prison inmates, current offenses and sentences, characteristics of victims, criminal histories, family background, gun possession and use, prior drug and alcohol use and treatment, educational programs

and other services provided while in prison, as well as other

personal characteristics.

Sample characteristics: The eligible population for these surveys was inmates incarcerated

in states' correctional facilities. The sample for the 1991 survey was selected from 1,239 state prisons using a stratified, two-stage selection divided into male/female facilities, census region and

facility type. The survey is conducted every 5 years.

Sample size: In the 1974 survey, approximately 10,000 inmates were either

interviewed or the data were taken from institutional records. For the 1979 survey, the number of inmates surveyed was 11,397. The 1986 survey included 13,711 respondents. A total of 13,986 male and female inmates from 277 prisons and 6,572 inmates in 53

Federal facilities were sampled by personal interview in 1991.

Alcohol variables: Overall frequency of drinking in the year prior to arrest was

surveyed. Responses also included whether drinking occurs on a regular basis, age when first began drinking regularly, self-perception of degree of drunkenness reached at end of a typical

drinking session, and treatment history.

Other variables: Age, sex, race/ethnicity, marital status, education, family

background, income in year prior to offense, employment in year prior to offense, current offense, number of prior convictions, use of drugs/alcohol, drug related crime, gang membership, use of weapons,

and needle sharing.

Limitations: Some data were not obtained through interview and therefore

self-reported items like perception of drunkenness and drinking frequency may be missing. In addition, underreporting of drinking

behavior may be present.

Title: Survey of Youth and Young Adults Drinking, Baton Rouge,

Louisiana—1984

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, U.S. Sponsoring agency:

> Department of Health and Human Services (survey conducted by Research Triangle Institute, POB 12194, Research Triangle Park,

NC 27709)

Contact: Alcohol Epidemiologic Data System (AEDS)

CSR, Incorporated

1400 Eye Street, NW, Suite 200

Washington, DC 20005

(202) 842-7600

Survey design/purpose: The Survey of Youth and Young Adults Drinking is a household

survey of a select population consisting of interviews and selfadministered questionnaires to obtain information on demographics, drinking patterns, drug use, and other events (accidents, etc.) during the last 12 months, and records of activities for eight days.

This survey is based on a probability sample of teens and young Methodology:

adults between 15 and 28 years of age conducted in Baton Rouge,

Louisiana, in 1984.

Sample size: The data set consists of 904 records (851 completed interviews and

53 partial interviews). Oversampling of blacks, especially black females, was done to overcome low prevalence of drinkers among

blacks.

Alcohol variables: Drinking History:

> Age at first drink, age when first began drinking regularly, average number of drinks consumed per day during past 12 months, amount of own money spent for alcoholic beverages in last 30 days, amount of alcoholic beverages kept in the home, access to alcoholic

beverages kept in the home, and relatives with serious drinking

problems.

Self-Administered Questionnaire:

Reasons for not using alcoholic beverages (for non-drinkers and former drinkers), frequency and quantity of wine, beer and liquor intake per day, and use of marijuana, barbiturates, sedatives, and

cocaine during the last 12 months.

Other variables: Demographic and social network variables.

Title: Worldwide Surveys of Substance Abuse and Health

Behaviors Among Military Personnel—1985, 1988, 1992, 1995 and 1998. Worldwide Surveys of Alcohol and Nonmedical Drug Use Among Military Personnel—1980 and 1982

Sponsoring agency:

U.S. Department of Defense (surveys conducted by Research

Triangle Institute)

Contact: Research Triangle Institute

POB 12194

Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

http://www.rti.org/units/SHSP/projects/98mil1.cfm

Survey design/purpose: To measure prevalence of substance use and health behaviors

among active-duty military personnel on U. S. military bases worldwide. Trend data are available based on previous surveys. Data are used to better understand the nature, causes, and consequences of substance abuse and health practices in the military and to help evaluate and guide programs and policy.

Sample characteristics: A random sample of all active duty military personnel in the four

US military services (Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines) worldwide is surveyed over a 6-week period. Over 60 military installations worldwide were represented. Data are collected every

2-4 years.

Sample size: The survey includes approximately 25,000 respondents from the

universe of all active duty military personnel.

Alcohol variables: Drug, alcohol and tobacco consumption are measured using

quantity/frequency variables (i.e., past 30 day use). Survey questions also cover negative physical, social and work-related effects of alcohol and drug use as well as beliefs and attitudes about dangers of use. Opinions on military alcohol and drug policy and

programs are reported.

Other variables: Positive health practices, knowledge/attitudes about AIDS, use of

tobacco, exercise, diet, gambling and injury prevention and remedies are assessed. Stress, coping styles, and special health issues among

military women are also included in the 1998 survey.

Limitations: Self-reported data may result in underreporting or misreporting.

Title: Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)—1990-1997 (Note: 1992

YRBS is a supplement to the 1992 NHIS; no data were collected in

1994.)

Sponsoring agency: Division of Adolescent and School Health, Center for Chronic

Disease Control Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Contact: Laura Kahn

Division of Adolescent and School Health Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 4770 Buford Highway, NE, Mail Stop K-33

Atlanta, GA 30341-3724

(770) 488-5330

http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/youthris.htm

Survey design/purpose: The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) was

established by the CDC to monitor the prevalence of youth behaviors that most influence health; to assess whether those behaviors increase, decrease, or remain the same over time; and to

provide comparable data among a national sample of youth.

Sample characteristics: The 1990, 1991, 1993, 1995 and 1997 components were national,

school-based samples of 11,000 to 16,000 students in the 9th through 12th grades. The 1992 YRBS was a component of the 1992 National Health Interview Survey, which is a household survey (see NHIS YRBS Supplement, page 26). There are no current plans to repeat the household YRBS. The 1995 YRBS used a three-stage cluster sample design to produce a nationally representative sample of 9th- through 12th-grade students in the United States. An 88-

item questionnaire was administered in the classroom.

Sample size: The 1997 YRBS included a national sample of 16,262 adolescents,

from 151 schools in 50 States and the District of Columbia,

excluding a majority of Louisiana.

Alcohol variables: Questions include age at first drink, lifetime and past 30 days

frequency of alcohol consumption, and frequency of having 5 or more drinks on one occasion in the past 30 days. Drinking and driving as well as riding with a driver who had been drinking alcohol during the past 30 days were recorded. Use of alcohol on school property in

the past 30 days was also reported.

Other variables: Other variables include age and sex; seatbelt and helmet use;

physical fighting and carrying weapons; suicide attempts; tobacco use; use of marijuana, cocaine, steroids, or other illegal drugs; HIV

awareness; sexual activity; diet; and exercise.

Limitations:

The school-based surveys may underrepresent certain high-risk youth, such as dropouts. Additionally, data apply only to youth who were in school on the day of survey administration. Results of the household sample in 1992 may not be comparable to the school-based estimates from other years.

Section 3: AEDS Publications and Products

AEDS produces several publications based on our epidemiologic research. These publications are described below, along with availability information on the most current reports.

DATA REFERENCE MANUALS

This series of manuals provides in depth coverage of demographic, economic, morbidity and mortality, and population data. Data Reference Manuals are distributed by AEDS as supplies last. They are then sold by the National Technical Information Service. Ordering information for domestic orders is given below. Prices are set by NTIS and are subject to change.

- U.S. Alcohol Epidemiologic Data Reference Manual. Volume 1, Third Edition: U.S. Apparent Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages based on State Sales, Taxation of Receipt Data.

 October 1997. NIH Publication No. 97-4263
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APPENDIX

List of Acronyms

AEDS Alcohol Epidemiologic Data System
ADSS Alcohol and Drug Services Study
BAC Blood Alcohol Concentration
BJS Bureau of Justice Statistics
CDC Centers for Disease Control
CDS Crashworthiness Data System
CPS Child Protective Services

DHEW Department of Health, Education and Welfare**DHHS** Department of Health and Human Services

DIS
Diagnostic Interview Schedule
DOT
Department of Transportation
DRG
Diagnostic Related Groups
DSM
Diagnostic and Statistical Manual
DSPS
Drug Sarving Regards Survey

DSRS Drug Services Research Survey **DWI** Driving While Intoxicated

FARS Fatality Analysis Reporting System (formerly Fatal Accident Reporting System)

GES General Estimates System

HCFA Health Care Financing Administration

HHANES Hispanic Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

HPDP Health Prevention Disease Promotion supplement of NHIS

ICD-9-CM International Classification of Disease, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification

MCD Multiple Cause of Death

MHDPS Mental Health Demographic Profile System
NAMCS National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey
NCHS National Center for Health Statistics

NDATUS National Drug and Alcoholism Treatment Utilization (or Unit) Survey

NFMS National Fetal Mortality Survey

NHANES National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

NHDS National Hospital Discharge Survey

NHEFS National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey I — Epidemiologic Followup

Study

NHIS National Health Interview Survey

NHTSA National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
NIAAA National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

NIDA National Institute on Drug Abuse
NIH National Institutes of Health
NIMH National Institute of Mental Health

NLAES National Longitudinal Alcohol Epidemiologic Survey

NMIHS National Maternal and Infant Health Survey

NNS National Natality Survey

NTIES National Treatment Improvement Evaluation Study

NTIS National Technical Information Service

PHS Public Health Service
PSU Primary Sampling Unit

QFV Quantity Frequency Variability

SAMHSA Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

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SMSA	Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area
SROS	Services Research Outcomes Study
TEDS	Treatment Episode Data Set
UFDS	Uniform Facility Data Set
YRBS	Youth Risk Behavior Survey

YRBSS Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System